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1854.

The Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE.

The Rev. CHARLES F. COLLINS,
Rector of St. Mark's Church, Williamsport.

" WILLIAM FAGG.
Rector of Immanuel Church, La Grange.

" JOHN L. GAY,
Missionary at Loudon and Parts adjacent.

* " W. P. GAHAGAN,

" JOHN A. HARRISON,
Rector of St. John's Church, Ashwood, Maury County

" THOMAS W. HUMES,
Rector of St. John's Church, Knoxville.

" J. W. MCCULLOUGH, D. D.
Professor of Ancient Languages in University of Nashville

" DAVID C. PAGE, D. D.
Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis.

" DAVID PISE,
Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

" J. J. RIDLEY,
Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville.

" JAMES W. ROGERS,
Rector of Zion Church, Brownsville.

" M. S. ROYCE,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Franklin.

" JOHN SANDELS,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga.

* " F. G. SMITH,
Suspended, Columbia.

* " W. STOUT.

* " WM. M. STEEL,

" CHARLES TOMES,
Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.

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LIST OF PARISHES.

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ST. PAUL'S "	*Franklin.*
IMMANUEL "	*La Grange.*
ST. PAUL'S "	*Randolph.*
CALVARY "	*Memphis.*
ST. MARK'S "	*Williamsport.*
ST. JOHN'S "	*Knoxville.*
ST. PETER'S "	*Columbia.*
TRINITY "	*Clarksville.*
ST. LUKE'S "	*Jackson.*
ZION "	*Brownsville.*
ST. JAMES' "	*Bolivar.*
ST. JOHN'S "	*Maury County.*
TRINITY "	*Tipton County.*
ST. JAMES' "	*Greenville.*
CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,	*Nashville.*
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,	*Chattanooga.*

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE,
Wednesday, July 12th, 1854.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church. in the Diocese of Tennessee, assembled in St. John's Church, Knoxville, on Wednesday, the twelfth day of July, A. D. 1854, being the place and time appointed by the last Convention.

After Morning Prayer, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop being absent, the Rev. Charles Tomes was called to the chair.

A list of the clergy belonging to the Diocese and entitled to seats, furnished by the Bishop, was read, of whom the following were present:—

The Rev. J. L. Gay, *Missionary at Loudon.*
" Thomas W. Humes, *Rector of St. John's, Knoxville.*
" David Pise, " *St. Peter's Columbia,*
" John Sandels, *Missionary at Chattanooga,*
" Charles Tomes, *Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.*

The certificates of Lay Delegates were then laid on the Secretary's table, and referred to the Rev. Messrs. Humes and Gay, who reported the following as duly appointed:

Christ Church, Nashville, F. B. Fogg,
James Diggons.
Thomas B. Eastland, Jr.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville, Richard Townsend,
F. E. Reynett,
Geo. G. Brandon,

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St. John's Church, Ashwood,	Lucius J. Polk,
	Geo. W. Polk,
	Geo. R. Long.
St. John's Church, Knoxville,	Wm. B. Reese,
	M. W. Williams,
	Hugh A. M. White.

The list being called, the following gentlemen answered to their names and took their seats:

Wm. B. Reese, M. W. Williams,
Hugh A. M. White.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Secretary, and the Rev. D. Pise was unanimously re-elected.

The Chairman then declared the Convention duly organized.

The ballot was next taken for President, and the Rev. Charles Tomes was unanimously elected.

Application being made for the admission of St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga, into union with the Convention, it was referred, with the accompanying papers, to the Rev. Mr. Humes and Judge Reese. In behalf of the Committee, Judge Reese made the following Report:

The Committee to whom were referred the Articles of Association adopted by St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga, applying for admission into union with this Convention, find them according to Canon, and present the following resolution, viz:—*Resolved*, That St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga, be and hereby is admitted into union with this Convention.

WM. B. REESE.
Knoxville, July 12th, 1854. THOMAS HUMES.

Whereupon, on motion the resolution presented by the Committee was adopted.

The Committee to examine certificates of Lay Delegates, reported Messrs. Jas. A. Whitesides and Jno. C. Birch, as duly elected Delegates from St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Treasurer, Adlai O. Harris was declared elected.

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H. A. M. White was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order of the last Convention be adopted for the government of this. (*Appendix A.*)

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Clergymen belonging to the Diocese not entitled to seats, Clergymen belonging to other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to take seats in this Convention.

The following preamble and resolutions, were, on motion of Rev. Mr. Sandels, adopted:

Whereas, Canon V. requires that every minister of the Diocese present or send to the Bishop, on or before the first day of every Convention, a report of his official acts during the year, and the state of his Parish, and inasmuch as the Bishop of the Diocese is now absent; therefore

Resolved, That such reports be presented to the President of this Convention, be referred to a Committee on the State of the Church, and be appended as usual to the Journal.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, July 13th, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled in St. John's Church, the President in the chair; the roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., appeared and took his seat.

Messrs. W. H. Hardin, W. J. Polk, M. D., and John Baird, of St. Peter's Church, Columbia; C. T. Quintard, M. D., and Jas. J. Alston, of St. Paul's Church, Randolph; Dr. J. J. Neely, T. C. Coates, and D. I. Wells, of St. James' Church, Bolivar; Saml. L. Taylor and A. D. Hunt, M. D., of Trinity Church, Tipton County, were added to the list of Delegates, Dr. Quintard and Mr. Wells answered to their names and took their seats.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. Page, Rev. J. L. Gay, and Hugh A. M. White were appointed a Committee on the State of the Church.

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On motion, the Rev. J. Sandels and D. I. Wells were appointed a Committee on Unfinished Business.

On motion, *Resolved*, to proceed to the election of Missionary and Education Committee, whereupon were elected,

Rev. Dr. Page,	Mr. A. O. Harris,
" Mr. Fagg,	" John F. Jett.

On motion, the following gentlemen were appointed a Committee on Assessments:

Rev. Dr. Page,	Judge Reese,
" Mr. Pise,	Mr. Wells,
" Mr. Gay,	Dr. Quintard.
" Mr. Sandels,	
" Mr. Tomes.	

On motion, *Resolved*, that the reading of the Bishop's Address be the order of the day for this afternoon.

The Report of the Standing Committee was then read and ordered to be appended to the Journal. (*Appendix B.*)

Report of the Treasurer of the Pension Fund was read and ordered to be appended to the Journal. (*Appendix C.*)

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Humes,

Resolved, That the attention of the Clergy of the Diocese be directed to Canon XII. of the Diocese, *requiring* that a collection be made in every Church on Christmas day, for the benefit of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, in order to a more general compliance with its terms.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention take a recess till 4 o'clock, P. M., and that after the reading of the Bishop's Address, it be the order of the day, to go into the election of the Standing Committee and Delegates to the General Convention.

THURSDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

The Bishop's Address was then read by the President.

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ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity: —

My last report, in compliance with the Canon of the General Convention, was made to you on the 19th day of May, and embraced an account of my official acts to that time. I proceed now to lay before you a detail of such services as I have, since that period, been enabled to perform.

Saturday, May 21, 1853. At evening, after prayers and sermon in St. James' Church, Bolivar, I confirmed *three* persons.

Sunday 22. Morning prayer having been said in the same Church, I preached and admitted the Rev. Charles F. Collins, Deacon, to the order of Priesthood. Services were held and sermons were preached in the afternoon and at night by clergymen, who attended the Convention. This body had closed its session the day before.

Tuesday 24. Having reached La Grange the day before this, prayers were said by Rev. Mr. Fagg, in Immanuel Church, in the morning and at night, on which occasions I preached.

Wednesday 25. The like services were performed in the same Church, by Rev. Mr. Fagg and myself, in the morning and at night.

Friday 27. At Sommerville, the Rev. Mr. Wheelock read prayers in the Methodist Church at night, and I preached to a large Congregation.

Saturday 28. In the forenoon, prayers having been read by Mr. Wheelock, I preached in the same place, as did Mr. Wheelock at night after prayers by Rev. Mr Fagg.

Sunday 29. Our services to day were held in Odd-Fellows' Hall, in consequence of our having here no house of worship. I preached in the morning and afternoon to large and attentive Congregations, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Wheelock. In the morn-

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ing I also baptized two children, Peter B. Mosby and Catharine A. Cannon.

Tuesday 31. To-day I confirmed *one* person in private at Memphis. From this time up to June 26, I preached every Sunday morning and afternoon in O. F. Hall at Memphis, the Rev. Mr. Stout generally assisting me in the prayers.

Sunday June 19. At night in Calvary Church, Memphis, I delivered an address on Confirmation and administered that rite to *five* persons.

Sunday July 3. After morning and evening prayers by Rev. Mr. Fagg, I preached in Immanuel Church, La Grange. In the morning administered the Holy Communion.

Saturday 9. In St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, I preached in the morning, after prayers offered by Rev. Mr. Collins.

Sunday 10. Baptized a sick servant in private, and afterwards read morning prayers. Baptized an infant *Lucius J. Polk*, and preached in St. John's Church, Ashwood. In the afternoon in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Good, I preached and then confirmed *three* persons.

Sunday 17. Preached in the morning in Christ Church, and in the afternoon in the Church of the Holy Trinity at Nashville, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Tomes. At night in Christ Church I confirmed *three* persons and delivered an address.

Tuesday 19. Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Pise, of Sycamore Mills, I arrived at Clarksville late in the afternoon, and at night after prayers by Rev. Mr. P., I preached and confirmed *one* person.

Sunday 24. In Christ Church, Nashville I preached morning and at night, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Tomes. In the afternoon at the Church of the Holy Trinity, I confirmed *five* persons and delivered an address. The following day, in company with the Rev. Mr. Tomes, I left Nashville for Chattanooga, which place we reached early next day. This is a Missionary Station, the field of the Rev. Mr. Sandel's labors. By the liberal act of Col. Whitesides, a citizen of the place, a small frame building has been erected and serves our Congregation as a place of worship.

July 31. In this place on Sunday morning after prayers by Rev. Messrs. Sandels and Tomes, I preached, and administered the Lord's Supper to about ten persons. In the afternoon I read prayers and Rev. Mr. Tomes preached.

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Although the members and friends of the Church at Chattanooga are few, yet is there abundant material for their increase; and no doubt with God's blessing on faithful labors their number will be greatly enlarged. All things considered, I regard it as the most important Missionary Station in the Diocese.

The two following days were spent by me at Athens, where the Rev. Mr. Halsted had been laboring as a Missionery for some months past. The weather was so inclement during my stay that we found it impossible to meet more than once for worship.

August, 2. In the afternoon prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Halsted and I preached to a small Congregation. A zealous and pious layman has offered a lot for the building of a Church at this place, but the interest in behalf our communion is so small that there is no reasonable prospect that if such an enterprise were undertaken, it would reach a successful completion.

Wednesday 4. Arrived at Loudon, the scene of Rev. Mr. Gay's labors as a Missionary. At night he read prayers in a room procured for that purpose, and I preached. Mr. G. has labored very diligently at this place, which is one of growing importance, and his efforts in the erection of a Church edifice and a parsonage seem likely to be crowned with success.

Sunday 7. Having reached Knoxville the day previous we had services in St. John's Church, both morning and afternoon, in which both Messrs. Humes and Halsted participated. I preached and administered the Holy Communion in the forenoon, and in the afternoon confirmed *nine* persons and delivered an address.

Monday 8. I commissioned Mr. Robert Shepherd, as a lay reader at Chilhowee.

Saturday 13. Having arrived at Greenville on the 12th, I read prayers and preached in St. James' Church this afternoon at 4 P.M.

Sunday 14. Read morning prayers, baptized an adult, and preached. In the afternoon, I again read prayers, preached, and confirmed *one* person. Having occasion to stop a couple of days at Greenville for the stage, I took the opportunity to see most of the Congregation, and before I left had the satisfaction of finding that the members and friends of the Church would enter at once into arrangements to pay off a small debt that was still due on the building of the Church. This object, I am very glad to report,

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has been nearly accomplished, and I am not now without strong hopes of securing for them the services of a Pastor.

I left Greenville on the 17th, to attend the Court of Bishops summoned to meet at Camden, New Jersey, to try a presentment made of the Bishop of that diocese. On my way I had the misfortune to have my trunk stolen from the stage near Wythe C. H., Va. While waiting at this place, I was called on to baptize a sick child, and afterwards, upon its death to bury it. I also read prayers and preached on two occasions. Having reached Richmond by Sunday, I preached in St. Paul's Church, after prayers by Bishop Polk, who had here joined me. From the 1st to the 15th, Sept. inclusive, I was engaged in the business of the Court of Bishops at Camden. The proceedings of that tribunal, and the result of its deliberations having been published to the world, I deem it unnecessary to detain you by any remarks about its business or the conclusion at which it arrived. During the session of the Court I preached on every Sunday that intervened, in some one of the Churches in Philadelphia. Also on Sunday the 18th, I preached at the Church of the Epiphany in the morning, at St. Mark's Church in the afternoon, and at Emmanuel Church at night. I take occasion here to mention that previous to the meeting of the General Convention, and during the Session of that body, which met in New York on the 5th October, I availed myself of an invitation from the Assistant Bishop of Conn., and several of his Clergy, to visit some of the Churches of that Diocese, with a view to collect funds to aid our Diocesan Missions. I was very kindly received by their Congregations, who generously contributed several hundred dollars to our aid. The sums so raised, together with some other contributions have been paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, and their disposition as far as any has been made, will be reported to you at a future day. Upon these visits I preached twice at Waterbury, once at Norwich at an ordination, twice at Bridgeport, and twice at New Haven. I also preached once at Elizabethtown, N. Jersey, and once at Brooklyn, New York. The General Convention was in session from the 5th to the 26th day of October inclusive. Seldom had this body, if it had ever, met under circumstances so well calculated to excite the apprehensions of the members and friends of the Church, as to the probable result of its deliberations upon

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the peace and well-being of our Communion. However justly these fears may have been entertained from the grave and serious subjects which formed matters for its consideration, they were happily dissipated by the kind and fraternal spirit which pervaded both branches of our ecclesiastical legislature.

It is not my purpose, for it is unnecessary, to enter into a detail of the measures proposed and adopted by this chief council of our Church. Its journal has been published and this will furnish ample information in regard to its proceedings.

I must not omit however to call up to your notice, one of its acts, the most painful in its performance, as well as the most important in its bearings, of all which such a body is ever required to execute. I allude to the solemn deposition of one of its members from the high and responsible office of a Bishop. This act was performed by the House of Bishops, in the presence of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, on Friday the 14th day of October, by pronouncing the sentence of deposition from the Sacred Ministry, upon the Rt. Rev. Levi Silliman Ives, D. D., late Bishop of the Diocese of N. Carolina. I have seldom, if ever, witnessed a scene more solemn and painfully impressive, and devoutly pray, I may never behold its repetition. The proceeding was in accordance with the provisions of a Canon framed to meet all such cases and which was sanctioned by both houses.

Among the most interesting events of the session was the election of Bishops for California and Oregon. The Rev. Dr. Kipp was chosen for the former, and the Rev. Dr. T. F. Scott, for the latter field of labor. These brethren have been consecrated and for some months have been engaged in their interesting mission.

A memorial from several clergymen of high character for learning and piety, was presented to the House of Bishops, praying that measures might be devised, if practicable, to render our ecclesiastical system more efficient in its influence upon our population, and to adapt it more to the actual wants and circumstances of a nominally christian country. Whether such a scheme can be accomplished is a question of grave and serious import. That the objects of the memorialists are desirable none can doubt. Great difficulties lie in the way of their attainment. No reflecting person can think otherwise than that a greater union or agreement among the various Protestant denominations in doctrine, discipline,

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and worship, than is now apparent among them, is greatly desired. "The signs of the times", in this respect can scarcely be overlooked or mistaken. Throughout the Protestant world the minds of men are restless and disquieted, and anxiously enquiring for some broad and comprehensive grounds of agreement which may form a basis of union among them. Hence the promotion of Evangelical alliances, and societies, from whose constitutions are excluded all things that are peculiar, and the adoption of whatever is common to all, for the purpose of effecting objects, in which all Christians feel a common interest,—such as the distribution of the Holy Scriptures—the dissemination of tracts—the publication and scattering broad-cast through this and other countries of S. School Books, and other works designed particularly for the young or ignorant. A commission was appointed to take into consideration the objects set forth in the memorial, during the recess of the General Convention, and to report at its next meeting. That commission has begun its labors and it is attention to the duty devolving on me as chairman of that Commission, that detains me now from your meeting. At this time it would be premature to anticipate the action of the Commission, by pronouncing upon the practicability or impracticability of its aims, or offering conjectures as to the success or failure of its labors. Already some have asserted that the object of the memorialists is to make of the Church, a great absorbing machine to draw into its embrace the restless and discontented among all surrounding sects. I do not believe that any such aim was in view by the signers of the memorial, as I am certain that no such object will be attempted by those charged with the duty of its consideration. If we can devise any method to make a better use of our own gifts, to bring our ministry more into contact with the people and render our worship more acceptable to, and available by, the masses, we shall by recommending such method to the sober attention and candid consideration of our General Convention, have discharged our duty and not labored in vain. It is a fact equally interesting and significant that a similar movement has taken place in the Church of England, and that some of the most active and influential of her clergy and laity have become warmly interested in it.

I reached home on my return from the General Convention the 11th of November, and from that time till the 10th of the follow-

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ing month was employed nearly every Sunday in reading prayers and preaching to the Missionary Congregation at Memphis.

Dec. 10th. After prayers by Rev. Mr. Steel, I preached in Trinity Church, Tipton County, and the next day, with the rites prescribed, consecrated the same Church to the worship of God, according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church. A very large congregation was in attendance, and after prayers by Rev. Mr. Rogers, assisted by Rev. Mr. Steel, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

During the months of December and January, my time on Sundays, was devoted chiefly to the Missionary Congregation at Memphis, preaching in the forenoon to the white people, and to the negroes in the afternoon, and officiating occasionally in Calvary Church.

Having been called very suddenly to visit a sick daughter at Nashville the first week in February, I availed myself of the opportunity which my going to that part of the diocese brought, to visit the Congregations in Middle Tennessee.

Feb. 5th, 1854. Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Tomes read morning prayers and baptized a child, after which I preached, in Christ Church, Nashville. In the afternoon, after prayers, I preached in the Church of the Holy Trinity. This Church which has been built through the indefatigable exertions of the Rev. Mr. Tomes, is a striking instance or monument of what the industry and perseverance of one man can effect. The building is of rough stone, the walls in the interior plastered, the roof open wood-work, and the floors, seats, Chancel, and all other parts of the building, except the walls, of cedar timber. The arrangements of the Chancel and Vestry-room are very convenient, and when the whole shall be completed with the tower, it will present the most appropriate and best arranged Church edifice in the Diocese, if not in the Western Country.

Sunday, 12th. In St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Collins, I preached.

Sunday, 19th. I read prayers and preached in the morning and afternoon in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, and confirmed *one* person. I have been much gratified to learn that the Vestry of this Church have succeeded in securing the valuable services of the Rev. D. Pise for their congregation. With God's blessing on

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his labors, I have strong hopes that the parish will recover in due time from the blighting influences which have so long marred its prosperity. The Female Institute also at this place, under the wise and diligent management of Mr. Hardin, aided by an efficient corps of teachers, it is hoped and believed is recovering gradually and surely from the misfortunes of former years. It however needs, as it deserves, the encouragement and countenance of the members and friends of the Church in the diocese, and will, I trust, receive their liberal support. Administered as its educational affairs now are, I do not doubt that it will prove a valuable and efficient instrument in promoting the cause of sound education and true religion and piety among us.

Monday 20th. I arrived at Franklin, where I was happy to meet the Rev. M. S. Royce, who has taken charge of St. Paul's Church, and has entered upon his ministerial labors with the determination, and with the help of God, to raise this parish from the state of depression under which it has so long languished from the want of regular and efficient pastoral oversight. May the Lord of the harvest own and bless his work.

Tuesday 21st. At 3 P. M., Mr. Royce read prayers and I preached.

Wednesday 22d. Mr. Royce read evening prayers, after which I preached, confirmed *seven* persons and delivered an address.

Sunday 26th. In Christ Church, Nashville, prayers were said by Rev. Messrs. Pise and Tomes in the forenoon, after which I preached and confirmed a very interesting class of *twelve* young females, and delivered an address. In the evening Rev. Mr. Tomes read prayers and I again preached. I also officiated in this Church by preaching on Ash-Wednesday.

Tuesday, March 2d. I arrived at Clarksville this morning, and remained here a week with the Rev. Mr. Ridley, who took charge of this parish in November last: engaged every day in the services of the Sanctuary, and in conversation in private with persons interested on the subject of religion. The fruits of this visitation have been, so far as we may be allowed to form and express an opinion, among the most gratifying of my Episcopate, now extending through a period of more than twenty-years. I give here a condensed detail of the services in which we were employed. In the evening of the day of my arrival, the Rev. Mr.

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Ridley read prayers and I preached. The congregation was large, considering the inclemency of the weather..

Friday 3d. At 11 A. M. Rev. Mr. Ridley read prayers and I preached. The same services were performed at night, when the Rector also baptized six adults.

Saturday 4th. After morning prayer by the Rector I preached. At night, prayers by the Rector, when I preached, confirmed *twenty-two* persons, and delivered an address.

Sunday 5th. I met the Sunday School at an early hour in the Church, and catechized the children. At 11 A. M., after prayers by the Rector, I confirmed *three* persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon with the customary service performed, the Rector baptized an adult and several children, making in all since the beginning of the visitation, fourteen children and eleven adults. At night, prayers by the Rector, I preached, and confirmed *one* person, who had not been able to be present in the morning.

Monday 6. Heavy and incessant rains prevented our assembling in Church for worship until night, when the Rector said prayers and baptized an adult, after which I preached and confirmed *two* persons.

Tuesday 7. The rain once more interrupted our service till 4 P. M., when after prayers, the Rector baptized three adults, and I addressed them and the Congregation upon the duties, privileges, and obligations of the baptismal covenant. At night, after the usual prayers, I preached to a large Congregation.

Wednesday 8. The inclemency of the weather prevented our having public worship till night, when, after prayers, by the Rector, I preached and confirmed *six* persons. The interest awakened among the people on the subject of religion, during this visitation, was certainly remarkable, and to all of us unexpected. There were no extraordinary efforts on the part of the Ministry, or others, to produce excitement. No means were employed but the regular services of the Church, except conversation in private, to remove doubts and impart instruction. A calm, serious, and deeply interested feeling seemed to have been inspired in the minds of the people, accompanied by an earnest desire to know what they "must do to be saved." We trust we are not presumptuous in hoping that "it was the Lord's doing," and in saying that "it

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was marvellous in our eyes." A very earnest desire was expressed that I should remain longer, and that our services should be continued through another week, but I was almost exhausted by the labors of the preceeding eight days, although relieved much by the efficient aid of my Rev. brother, the Rector of the Parish, and engagements in other parts of the Diocese, obliged me to leave Clarksville the next day. Before dismissing from our thoughts the topic we have just had presented in the account of this visitation, I wish earnestly to exhort my brethren in the Ministry to make opportunities, if possible, to meet together in their respective Parishes, for the purpose of continued religious services for a few days at a time, for the benefit of those committed to their charge. I am satisfied that these gatherings together, with the use of the ordinary service of the Prayer book and sermons and exhortations, with such private monitions and instructions as occasions may suggest, will, with God's blessing, which we are authorized to ask and expect on such efforts, be attended with great and lasting benefit. In short what we most need, I think, is more of the spirit of prayer among us—of earnest labor to save souls—of reliance upon God's promised graces and help—of a realizing sense of our obligations voluntarily assumed at our ordination, to "lay aside the study of the world and the flesh, to apply ourselves wholly to the work of our Ministry and to draw all our cares and studies that way." I am aware that the widely scattered state of our Congregations may present a great obstacle to the frequent meeting of the Clergy, and that it will be scarcely possible to form and execute any regular plan of stated convocations. Still, if there be a willing mind to attempt something of this sort, where Parishes are not very widely remote from each other, I think and hope that good will result.

Sunday, March 12. I read prayers and preached in St. Paul's Church, Randolph. The afternoon was spent in visiting a sick person. I am sorry to report of this old and interesting Parish, containing many warm and zealous members of the Church, that it has been now a long time without any regular pastoral care. The Church here is too feeble to provide for the support of a Minister, without aid from other sources than the contributions of the members, and none other than these seem at present available.

Sunday 19. In Calvary Church, Memphis, after evening pray-

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ers by the Rev. Dr. Page, I confirmed *four* persons and delivered an address.

April 15. Easter even, in the same Church, after prayers by the Rector at night, I preached aud confirmed *eight* persons.

Omitting all account of the ministerial services performed by me for the Missionary Congregation at Memphis, during the months of March and April, I proceed to make report of the Spring visitation of the Parishes in the Western District.

Sunday 30. At 11 A. M. the Rev. Mr. Fagg read prayers in the Methodist Meeting House, and I preached to a large Congregation. Being very unwell in the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Fagg kindly supplied my place, and preached after prayers in the same place.

Tuesday, May 2. At Bolivar, visited a member of our communion in deep affliction, and at 11 A. M. read prayers and preached in St. James' Church. The inclemency of the weather prevented our meeting in the afternoon and at night.

Wednesday 3. Read prayers and baptized two children in the forenoon, and preached. At night after prayers, I again preached.

Thursday 4. In the forenoon said prayers, baptized an adult, and preached. Rain prevented any further services for the day.

Saturday 6. In St. Luke's Church, Jackson, after morning prayer by Rev. Dr. Colton, of Mississippi, I preached. At night Dr. Colton preached, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Stout.

Sunday 7. After service by Rev. Drs. Colton and McCullough, in the forenoon, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon after prayers by Rev. Mr. Steel, I preached to a large congregation, confirmed *six* persons and delivered an address. Two of those confirmed belonged to St. James' Church, Bolivar.

Monday 8. Services were held again in St. Luke's Church in the forenoon and at night; on both of which occasions Dr. Colton read prayers and I preached.

Tuesday 9. Prayers in the forenoon by Dr. Colton, the baptism of an adult and sermon by myself. At night, prayers having been offered by Dr. Colton, I preached and confirmed *seven* persons. The feeble state of Dr. McCullough's health forbade his taking the usual part of the Rector in these services.

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Thursday 11. At Brownsville, the Rev. Mr. Rogers read prayers at night in the Court House, after which I preached.

Friday 12. Preached again forenoon and at night after prayers by Mr. R. in the same place.

Sunday 14. At Ripley, in Lauderdale County, a Missionary Station, visited by Rev. Mr. Rogers, after prayers by him in the morning in the Court House, I preached to a large Congregation and confirmed *one* person.

Thursday 18. At the venerable Mrs. Lee's, in Durhamville, on this morning, I united a couple in Holy Matrimony according to the rites of the Church, and leaving soon after arrived at Covington in time to hold service at night. A large Congregation assembled in the Church, to whom after prayers I preached.

Friday 19. Leaving Covington after breakfast, I rode to Mr. J. J. Alston's, whose family I was pained to find, were afflicted with Cholera. Two of his servants had died and some nine or ten others were suffering with the disease. While staying here I met with a respectable mechanic, whose education and early associations led him to desire baptism by immersion. Accordingly with several persons I accompanied him to a place in the neighborhood where there was water, and baptized him on Saturday May 20th, using the whole of the baptismal office.

Sunday 21. In the morning, at Ravenscroft Chapel, I read morning prayers, baptized one child and four adults, and preached. In the afternoon I again read prayers, preached and confirmed *eight* persons, of whom six were negroes.

Monday 22. Baptized a child at Randolph, and the same day taking a steamer arrived at home by night.

The foregoing includes all the official services I have performed in the Diocese since the adjournment of our last Convention. The sum of the confirmations will be found to be one more than double of those last year—119.

The clerical changes I have to notice are the following:—The Rev. Mr. Halsted has been transferred to the Diocese of Mississippi—The Rev. Louis Jansen has been transferred to the Diocese of Kentucky—The Rev. J. A. Wheelock to the jurisdiction of Bishop Freeman—The Rev. Wm. H. Good has been deposed from the Ministry according to the provisions of Canon 5th of the General

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Convention of 1850—The Rev. J. J. Ridley, M. D. has been received into the Diocese upon letters dimissory from the Diocese of North Carolina and has taken the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Clarksville—The Rev. M. S. Royce has been received on letters dimissory from the Diocese of Vermont and has been elected Rector of St. Paul's Church, Franklin.—The Rev. J. W. McCullough, D. D. has been elected Professor in the University of Nashville and has resigned the Rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Jackson—The Rev. David Pise it is understood, has taken charge of St. Peter's Church, Columbia—The Rev. John A. Harrison has been chosen rector of St. John's Church, Ashwood, and has accepted the same; he has not yet presented his letters dimissory—The Rev. W. Stout, though canonically connected with the Diocese, is understood to be resident in Mississippi. Among the most gratifying evidences of God's favor to the Diocese, is the increase of the number of Candidates for Orders, which has taken place within a few months past. Of those confirmed at Clarksville last Spring, two have offered themselves and been received as Candidates, while others are seriously considering with themselves whether they ought not in duty to devote themselves to the Sacred Ministry of God's Holy Church. The names of Candidates for Holy Orders as the list now stands, are as follows:—L. Jones, R. Shepherd, Charles T. Quintard, M. D., Robert Shropshire, W. C. Gray, J. T. Ashley, and John Moore, who is a candidate for the Deaconate according to provisions of the 5th Canon of 1853.

I left home on the 27th May to meet the Commission to which I have already referred, and which I supposed would assemble in the city of New York on the 6th day of June. On my arrival here on the night of the 5th of that month, I learned that the meeting was appointed for the 29th. Having been at the trouble and expense of coming so far, I concluded, upon the urgent representations of many here, to postpone my return to Tennessee till the Commission had met, and had at least one session for deliberation and for maturing plans of operation for the future. This has kept me from being with you at this time, as I had expected to be in East Tennessee, by the second week in June. But I am sure that in the presence of my Rt. Rev. Brother, Bishop Elliott, who has kindly consented to take my place among you, that my absence will not be felt. Indeed, brethren. I feel happy and con-

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gratulate you, that you will have one to preside over your deliberations, so able to guide and counsel you wisely, and who will do it in the spirit of that charity which is the bond of perfectness. "Receive him, therefore, in the Lord with all gladness," and "count him worthy of double honor," not only for my sake, whose lack of service he supplies, but much more for his own sake and the sake of that fellowship which makes us all one in Christ Jesus. I have requested him to perform any offices whatever that may be required in my Diocese at the hands of the Episcopate, and I hereby invest him with full authority to that end.

There are several subjects of interest which I had wished and intended to bring to your considerations, but fear to delay this communication lest it may not reach you in time. The want of papers and documents also, not very accessible at this moment, renders it expedient that I should not remark upon them.

Last week I attended the examination of the students of the Theological Seminary at this place, and on Thursday delivered the charge or address to the graduating class. I have also been present at several meetings of the Board of Trustees, and yesterday at Trinity Church, assisted the Rt. Rev. Prov. Bishop of this Diocese in the services at the ordination of eighteen young men to the Diaconate, and of three Deacons to the Priesthood.

It is my purpose, God willing, to be with you in a few weeks, perhaps days, and to spend much more time than heretofore at each Parish. In the meantime I commend you in all your deliberations to the grace of Him, "by whose holy inspiration we think those things that are good, and by whose merciful guiding we perform the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Your faithful friend,
and affectionate Pastor,
JAS. H. OTEY.
Bishop of P. E. Ch. in the Diocese of Tenn.

New York, July 2, 1854.

The Parochial Reports were laid on the table, and on motion referred, with the Bishop's Address, to the Committee on the State of the Church.

It having been made the order of the day, the Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee,

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Delegates to the General Convention, Trustees of the Episcopate Fund, and of the Pension Fund, which resulted as follows:—

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Charles Tomes,	Francis B. Fogg,
" J. W. McCullough, D.D.	John Shelby, M. D.
" David Pise,	

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. D. C. Page, D. D.,	S. Oldham, M. D.
" J. W. McCullough, D.D.,	Francis B. Fogg,
" Charles Tomes,	Wm. B. Reese, L.L. D.
" David Pise,	Lucius J. Polk.

TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPATE FUND.

Francis B. Fogg,	Matthew Watson.

TRUSTEES OF THE PENSION FUND.

Rev. D. C. Page, D. D.	Matthew Watson,
" J. W. McCullough, D. D.,	Dr. John Shelby.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following Report:

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, that they have examined the Journal of the last Convention, and find no business to bring before this Convention.

J. Sandels,
D. I. Wells.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, on the first Wednesday in May, A. D. 1855.

The Convention then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock,

Friday, July 14th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled, the President in the chair. The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The Reports of the Treasurer of the Diocese and of the Diocesan Missionary Fund were read and referred to Dr.

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Quintard and Judge Reese, as Auditing Committee, who rendered the following report:—

The Committee on the accounts of the Treasurers of the the Diocese, and of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, beg leave to report, that their accounts, on examination, appear to be correct.

WM. B. REESE,
C. T. QUINTARD.

July 14, 1852.

On motion, the Report of the Committee was accepted, and the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese placed in the hands of the Committee on Assessments.

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read and ordered to be appended to the Journal. (*Apdix D.*)

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gay, it was *Resolved*, That the attention of the Clergy be directed to Canon XIV., requiring that a collection be made on every Easter Day in each church of the Diocese, for the Episcopate Fund.

On motion *Resolved*, That 400 copies of the Journal be printed, with the Constitutions and Canons of the Diocese appended.

The Convention took a short recess that the Committee on Assessments might confer and make a report.

The Convention re-assembled.

The Committee made a partial report on the business referred to it, asking for time for further consideration, which was granted.

The Committee further recommended the following schedule of Assessments which was adopted.

Churches.	For the Episcopate.	For the Contingent Fund
Christ Church, Nashville,	$350	$30
Calvary Church, Memphis,	650	35
St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	115	10
St. John's Church, Maury county,	100	10
Trinity Church, Clarksville,	100	10

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Immanuel Church, La Grange,	25	5
St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	70	10
St. John's Church, Knoxville,	85	10
St. James' Church, Bolivar,	30	10
Trinity Church, Tipton county,	30	
St. Thomas' Church, Somerville,	10	5
St. Paul's Church, Randolph,	20	
St. James' Church, Greenville,	25	5
St. Paul's Church, Franklin,	25	5
Zion Church, Brownsville,	40	5
Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville,	35	
St. Mark's Church, Williamsport,	20	5
St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga,	20	5

The Committee then offered, through their Chairman, the following resolution, which was adopted, *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Convention be and is hereby instructed to inform the Treasurer of the Diocese, that it is the will of the Convention, that hereafter he conform his action as Treasurer, to the requirements of Canon VIII.

The Convention took a recess till 3 o'clock, this Afternoon.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

The Committee on Assessments presented a Report upon Arrearages to the Assessment Fund, which was ordered to appended to the Journal. (*Appendix E.*)

The following Preamble and Resolutions were offered and adopted:—

The Report of the Treasurer, showing a balance in hand of $17 33, on account of the Contingent Fund; and the Report of the Committee on Assessments, showing that the Parishes are in arrears $90 to the same Fund; *Resolved*, that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer, on account of the contingent expenses of the Diocese, and the amount for which the several Parishes are in arrears to the same fund, be and is hereby appropriated to the support of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese.

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Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to pay over to the Bishop the balance in hand on said account, and also the amount of arrearages, as the same shall be collected.

The President having called the Rev. Mr. Humes to the chair, offered the following Preamble and Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

The Gen. P. E. S. S. Union and Church Book Society having addressed to the Clergy in general, a circular, asking for the sympathy and co-operation of the Clergy and Laity of the Church, in behalf of the important work for which the Society has been organized, with a statement and appeal to the Church by the Executive Committee, this Convention, desirous of assuring the Society that it has the entire confidence of the Church in this Diocese, do adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Clergy in this Diocese be and are hereby earnestly solicited, in such way as may seem to them the most effectual, to bring the subject of the position and claims of the Gen. P. E. S. S. Union and Church Book Society, before the members of their several Parishes.

Resolved, That the Clergy be and are hereby requested to make collections annually, or otherwise obtain funds in aid of said Union and Society.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and is hereby instructed to forward to the Gen. P. E. S. S. Union and Church Book Society a copy of the above resolutions.

The President resumed the chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, That, as there are in the Report of the Treasurer, items, which in the opinion of this Convention, ought not to be included in his Report, the Secretary be directed to send back said Report, with instructions to correct the same.

The Treasurer *pro tem.* presented his Report, which was accepted and ordered to be appended to the Journal.

The Journal was then read and approved, and after sing-

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ing the Gloria in Excelsis, and prayers, and the benediction by Rev. Dr. Page, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*,

CHARLES TOMES,

President.

Attest:

DAVID PISE, *Secretary.*

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APPENDIX.

(A)

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the business of the House, unless he have leave or be unable to attend.

4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without permission from the President.

6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the House, unless on a motion for reconsideration made by one of the majority.

7. No motion shall be considered as before the House, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing, when required.

8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately and without debate.

(B.)

The Standing Committee respectfully report to the Convention of the Diocese as follows:

On the 21st May, 1853. They recommended for Priest's Orders, Charles Francis Collins.

On the 26th September, 1853. They recommended Robert Shepherd as a candidate for Holy Orders.

On the 19th January, 1854. They recommended Charles Todd Quintard as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

On the 1st February, 1854. They recommended John Thomas Ashley as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

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On the 1st April, 1854 They recommended Robert Shropshire, William Crane Gray, and John Moore as Candidates for Holy Orders.

On the 8th July, 1854. They recommended John H. Rowling as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

Concurred in and consented to the election of the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D.D., Missionary Bishop, as Diocesan Bishop of Wisconsin.

At the same meeting they passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge the receipt from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Iowa, of certain documents relating to the election of the Rev. Henry W. Lee, D.D., as Bishop of said Diocese, and asking for our canonical consent to his consecration. But, inasmuch as there has been laid before us a communication from a Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Church, containing a statement of certain facts which show that the Diocese of Iowa was at the time of its late Convention, incompetent to the election of a Bishop, according to Canon II. of 1844; *Further resolved*, That in our opinion we ought not to give, and therefore decline giving our consent to the consecration of Dr. Lee, as Bishop of Iowa, until such time as the Canon "of the election of Bishops," can be fully complied with.

Resolved, That the President of this Committee communicate the above resolution to the Rev. R. D. Brooke, as Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Iowa.

CHARLES TOMES,
President and Secretary of the Standing Committee.

Nashville, July 8, 1854.

(C.)

M. WATSON, Treasurer, DR.

In account with Pension Fund,

1852.				
May 4.	To balance in hand, as rendered		51	55
	In Capital Stock Planters Bank, Tennessee $400 00			
June 24th,	To Cash from Rev. J. W. McCullough		5	00
"	" " Mr. Humes, Knoxville		7	45
July 21,	" for dividend on Bank Stock		12	00
1853.				
Jan. 3,	" from Rev. Mr. Humes, Knoxville		6	95
Jan. 8,	" for dividend on Bank Stock		20	00
May 2.	" from Rev. J. W. McCullough		14	50
Nov. 21,	" for dividend on Bank Stock		20	00

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1854.				
April 4,	"	from Rev. Mr. Humes, Knoxville	14	78
July 7,	"	from Rev. J. W. McCullough	17	65
"	"	for dividend on Bank Stock	40	00
			$209	88

1852. Credit.

Nov. 19,	By cash paid for one Share Stock in Planter's Bank Tenn.	88	00
	To Balance on hand in cash	121	88
	and 5 Shares Stock in the Planter's Bank of Tenn.	$500	00

M. WATSON,
Treasurer Pension Fund.

Nashville, July 7, 1854.

(D.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In the absence of several of the Parochial Reports, the Committee on the State of the Church find themselves unable to report accurate and full statistics of the Church, during the year last past. Upon the whole, however, we have reasons, as your Committee believe, for renewed hope and encouragement; not the least is the zeal and devotion manifested by the Clergy and by many of the Laity. Many seem to be taking heart after long years of discouragement, and in some places new and unlooked for auxiliaries seem to come to our aid. Immigration, too, is at length setting in towards our fair State, and though we do not get our due share of the new comers, still we are receiving some valuable accessions to the ranks of the Laity. In a word, the large number of Candidates for Orders, the fact that the number of Confirmations has been doubled, and that there is an increase in our list of Communicants, the augmented liberality of our people, and the great promise of the field in the Eastern part of the Diocese in especial, all afford us ample ground of encouragement, and supply the most powerful motives to increased efforts, and more fervent prayer.

(E.)

The Committee on Assessments beg leave to report, that in comparing the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocese and the Treasurer *pro tem.* of the present Convention, with the Assessments made at the last Conven-

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tion and the former arrearages, they find that the following Parishes are in arrears for the support of the Episcopate, as follows:

	For 1853,	For 1854	Total.,
St. John's Ch. Maury County	$90 00	90 00	$180 00
St. James' Church, Greenville	12 50	25 00	37 50
Church at the Mouth of Tellico	20 00		20 00
Calvary Church, Memphis		180 00	180 00
St. Peter's Church, Columbia		100 00	100 00
Trinity Church, Tipton County		15 00	15 00
St. Paul's Church, Randolph		20 00	20 00
St. Paul's Church, Franklin		20 00	20 00
Zion Church, Brownsville		35 00	35 00
			$607 50

And for the Contingent fund as follows:

St. John's, Maury County	10 00	10 00	20 00
St. James' Church, Greenville	5 00	5 00	10 00
Church at Mouth of Tellico	5 00		5 00
Calvary Church, Memphis		35 00	35 00
St. Peter's Church, Columbia		10 00	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Franklin		5 00	5 00
Zion Church, Brownsville		5 00	5 00
			90 00

REPORT OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund would state, that since the amount reported and entered in the Journal of the last Convention, which was $196 80

He has received from the following persons the amounts opposite their names, as follows:

1853, June 5, of J. P. Wendell, of North Mount Pleasant, Miss., a contribution of 10 00

10, of Calvary Church, Memphis, by the hands of the Rev. Rector 65 00

271 80

Which amount was, by the instructions of the Committee, handed to the Rev. W. C. Stout, who was instructed to distribute it as follows:

To the Rev. J. A. Wheelock 100 00

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" " Benj. Halstead	160	00	
" " John Sandels	71	80	
			271 80
1853, Received since Sept. of Mrs. Geo. T. Taylor			4 00
" " Mrs. D. R. Whitley.			2 00
1854, June 26, Balance in the hands of the Treasurer			6 00

J. F. JETT, Treasurer.

Memphis, June 26, 1854.

A. O. HARRIS, Treasurer,

In account with the Diocese of Tennessee, with respect to Contingent Fund.

	Dr.	
1853, May 19, To balance per account rendered	113	08
Received of Dr. Oldham for Contingent Fund of General Convention	1	00
Received of Trinity Church, Tipton, for same	1	00
	115	08
To Balance in Treasurer's hands	17	33

Cr.		
1853, Sept. 7, By cash paid Rev. Mr. Pise's draft for Printing Journals	77	75
By cash paid Rev. Mr. Tomes for Contingent Fund of Gen. Convention	20	00
Balance	17	33
	115	08

A. O. HARRIS, Treasurer.

Memphis, June 27, 1854.

ARREARAGES FOR ASSESSMENT AND CONTINGENT FUND FOR 1853 & 1854.

DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE.

1853.	Assessment.		Contingent.	
Christ Church, Nashville	300	00	30	00
St John's " Maury	90	00	10	00
St. James' " Greenville	12	50	5	00
St. Paul's " Franklin	20	00	5	00
Church of Holy Trinity, Nashville	20	00		
Church at Mouth of Tellico	20	00	5	00
	462	50	55	00

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1854.		Assessment.		Contingent.	
Calvary Church,	Memphis	180	00	35	00
Christ "	Nashville	300	00	30	00
St. Peter's "	Columbia	100	00	10	00
St. John's "	Maury	90	00	10	00
Trinity "	Clarksville	60	00	10	00
Immanuel "	La Grange	25	00	5	00
St. Luke's "	Jackson			10	00
St. John's "	Knoxville			10	00
St. James' "	Bolivar	30	00	10	00
Trinity "	Tipton	15	00		
St. Thomas "	Somerville			5	00
St. Paul's "	Randolph	20	00		
St. James' "	Greenville	25	00	5	00
St. Paul's "	Franklin	20	00	5	00
Zion "	Brownsville	35	00	5	00
Church of Holy Trinity, Nashville		20	00		
St. Mark's Church, Williamsport		20	00		
Arrearages Assessment Fund, 1854		940	00	150	00
Do. " 1853		462	50		
Do. Contingent " 1854		150	00		
Do. " 1853		55	00		

Total Arrearages Assessment and Contingent Funds for 1853 and 1854 ..... 1,607 50

A. O. HARRIS, Treasurer.

Memphis, June 27, 1854.

☞This Statement of Arrearages was made by the Treasurer previous to the Convention. For a correct account of arrearages see report of Assessment Committee, pages 30 and 31.

H. A. M. WHITE, as Treasurer, *pro tem.* Dr.

In account with Diocese of Tennessee, for 1854, with respect to Pension Fund:

For this sum received from Trinity Church, Clarksville $22 00

CR. By this amount remitted to M. Watson, Treasurer, by the hands of Rev. C. Tomes $22 00

H. A. M. WHITE, as Treasurer, *pro tem.*

In account with Diocese of Tennessee for 1854, with respect to Support of Episcopate, Dr.

For this sum rec'd from St. James' Church, Bolivar $30 00

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By this sum rec'd from Christ Church,		Nashville	600	00
" "	Holy Trinity "	Nashville	40	00
" "	St. Paul's "	Franklin	20	00
" "	St. Marks' "	Williamsport	20	00
" "	Trinity "	Clarksville	60	00
" "	Immanuel "	La Grange	25	00
			795	00

Cr. By this amount remitted to A. O. Harris, Treasurer, by the hands of Rev. C. Tomes.....795 00

H. A. M. White, as Treasurer, *pro tem.*

In account with Diocese of Tennessee, for 1854, with respect to Contingent Expense account, Dr.

For this sum rec'd from St. James' Church, Bolivar			$10	00
" "	Christ "	Nashville	60	00
" "	St. Paul's "	Franklin	5	00
" "	St. Luke's "	Jackson	10	00
" "	Immanuel "	La Grange	5	00
" "	Trinity "	Clarksville	10	00
" "	St. Mark's "	Williamsport	5	00
" "	St. John's "	Knoxville	10	00
			115	00

Cr. By this amount remitted to A. O. Harris, Treasurer, by the hands of Rev. C. Tomes 115 00

H. A. M. White, as Treasurer *pro tem.*

In account with Diocese of Tennessee, for 1854, with respect to Diocesan Missions: Dr.

For this sum rec'd from St. Luke's Church, Jackson		16	00
Trinity "	Clarksville	10	00
Dr. J. G. Wornack,	Annual Subscription	2	00
Rev. J. Sandels,	do	2	00
" W. M. Steel,	do	2	00
J. J. Alston	do	2	00
Dr. C. T. Quintard,	do	2	00
Mrs. Quintard,	do	2	00
Clara E. Quintard,	do	1	00
D. I. Wells,	do	2	00
Mrs. M. E. Wells,	do	2	00
Mrs. M. E. Alston,	do	2	00

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By this sum rec'd from Collection at St. John's Church, Knoxville, at Convention.....32 73
From Ladies Missionary Society, of St. John's Church, Knoxville.....25 00

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PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE,

REV. CHARLES TOMES, *Rector.*

Baptisms, Infants		13
Confirmations		14
Communicants:—Died		4
Removed		5
Added		22
Present number		152
Marriages		1
Burials		18
Sunday School—Teachers		7
Children		50
Contributed at the Weekly Offertory	$844 00	
Being an average per week of	14 55	
Appropriated as follows:—Repairing Church	$116 00	
Support of Episcopate	412 34	
The Poor	35 00	
Prayer and Choir books	25 37	
Repairing organ	20 00	
Church expenses	235 29	
	$844 00	

The Sunday Services in this Church are held in the morning and evening, and the Church is still opened as it has been for five years past, for daily morning and evening prayer.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN,

REV. M. S. ROYCE, *Rector.*
In charge since Jan. 1854.

Baptisms,—Infants	3
Confirmed	7

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Communicants:—Number on Jan. 1st 1854.....12
Added since that time.....8
Present number.....20
Burials.....1
Contributions—At the Monthly Offertory.....$13 25
For the Support of Episcopate.....20 00
Contingent Fund.....5 00
For repairs on the Church.....148 00

The Congregations, though small, are encouraging; the Church building is being repaired, and the spiritual house slowly but steadily advancing.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LA GRANGE,

REV. WILLIAM FAGG, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants and Children.....14
Adult.....1
Communicants—Former number.....24
Removed.....2
Added.....7
Present Number.....29
Sunday School Teachers.....4
Scholars.....24
Collections for support of Episcopate.....$25 00
Contingent expenses.....5 00
For Sunday School Books, Prayer Books, and other expenses of the Church, about.....60 00

In January last, I resigned St. Andrew's Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi, but have since preached there several times, and baptized 53 children, 2 white and 51 colored.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RANDOLPH,

No Report from this Parish.

RAVENSCROFT CHAPEL,

REPORTED BY REV. WM. M. STEEL,

Number of Communicants.....26
Baptisms—Adult.....6
Infants.....3—9
Confirmations.....8

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Marriages.....1
Burials.....3
Sunday School Teachers.....6
Scholars.....30

The present prosperous condition of this Congregation is to be mainly attributed, under God, to the energetic labors of C. T. Quintard, M. D., who for several months past has been acting as Lay Reader, preparing himself at the same time for Holy Orders.

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS,

Rev. D. C. Page, D. D. *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants, White.....13
Colored.....1
Adults.....3
Confirmations.....14
Marriages, (1 Colored).....5
Communicants.....163
Contributions at the Offertory, from Easter, 1853, to Easter, 1854.....1044 00
To Domestic Missions.....77 00
To Foreign Missions.....70 00
Subsequent Collection to the same.....37 00
To the Episcopate.....380 00

The Rector is yet unable to report the Church as being out of debt, but measures are now in progress, which will, he hopes, result in the discharge of its liabilities before the next Convention, when he would fain have it in his power also to report the commencement of a new Church edifice.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSPORT,

Rev. C. F. Collins, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants, White.....1
Colored.....18—19
Adults, White.....1
Colored.....1—2
Marriages—Colored.....5
Burials.....5
Communicants—Died.....1
Removed.....2
Present Number.....12

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Contributions—Holy Communion $10 00
Episcopate..... .....20 00
Contingent Fund 5 00
Expended on Church Building.....150 00
There are several persons ready and desirous to be confirmed.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE,

REV. THOMAS W. HUMES, *Rector.*

Baptisms, White Adults 4—Infants 13 17
Colored do. do. 2 .....2—19
Confirmations 9
Communicants—Former number.....59
Added 7
Diminished by Removal 5
" Death..... 3
" Discipline 1
Present Number.....57
Marriages.....4
Burials 8
Sunday Scholars.....45 to 50
Church Offerings—Foreign Missions.....$50 00
Domestic do 25 00
Diocesan do.....30 00
Knox County Bible Society.....40 00
Fund for Aged and In. Clergy ..14 78
Church Building, Somerville, T. 10 00
Sunday School, Books, &c.....20 80
The Poor 15 50
Episcopate Fund.....8 05
Howard Society, New Orleans...5 00
Bp. White P. B. Society.....5 00
Contingent Exp., Sexton, &c...54 30
Contributions by Subscriptions
Episcopal Assessment 70 00
Organist.....40 00
Trav. Exp. of Bishop 15 00
Convention Fund 10 00
———413 43

The Ladies Missionary Society have contributed Thirty-five Dollars towards Diocesan Missions during the past year. A Sunday School has been begun for colored people, that promises to do some good to that class.

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

REV. DAVID PISE, *Rector.*

On the 1st of July, 1854. I accepted a call to the Rectorship of this Parish, and entered at that time upon the duties of the same. The Parish has been vacant since January last. No change, it is believed, has taken place in the number of Communicants, by death or removal since the last Report.

Under the pressure of many and great difficulties, this Parish has manifested the most praiseworthy zeal for the true interests of the Church.

Lay-Reading has been uniformly maintained since the resignation of the late Rector, and the attendance has not been much less than under the ministrations of a Clergyman.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE,

REV. JOS. JAS. RIDLEY, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants	17	
Adults	15	32
Sunday School—Pupils about		90
Teachers		14
Confirmations, (1 colored)		34
Communicants—Number last Nov'r, white 35, colored 1		36
Added by first Communion, white 34, col'd 1		35
" Removal		6
Lost by Removal		2
Total now		75
Marriages (1 in Kentucky) Total		2
Burials		3
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, by two Ladies	$10	00
Support of Episcopate	60	00
Contingent Fund	10	00
Pension Fund	22	00
Domestic Missions	14	00
Paid for S. S. Books, Tracts, Carrier Dove for S. School, (32 copies), &c.	56	93
Alms	22	00
Parochial expenditures, Painting, Repairing, &c.	584	00
Paid for New Organ in part	252	50
Ladies Sewing Society, for cushioning and carpeting Church (on hand) about	70	00
S. S. Miss. Society for education of one or two children in the African Mission, (on hand)	18	50

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The Rector was called to the duties of this Parish, the first Sunday in November last—it had been without a Minister nearly twelve months. He desires in this report to make a public expression of devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the blessings vouchsafed during his brief Ministry in Tenn. The number of Communicants has been more than doubled. The Sunday School has increased from four teachers and about fifteen pupils, to 14 teachers and about 90 pupils. Two young men have become Candidates for Orders. The Congregations are uniformly large and increasing. There are persons awaiting a second visitation of the Bishop, kindly promised, for Confirmation; and the members of the Church, generally, give gratifying indications of spiritual progress. The S. S. Missionary Society has undertaken to raise a fund for the education of one or more boys in Africa.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

No Report from this Parish.

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE,

REV. J. W. ROGERS, *Rector.*

Communicants—Repelled	3
Added	1
Present number	27
Baptisms	4
Confirmations	1
Marriages	1
Burials (an Infant)	1
Money subscribed for Church Edifice	$3200 00

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR,

No Report from this Parish.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MAURY COUNTY,

REV. JOHN A. HARRISON, *Rector.*

The present Rector entered upon his duties in this Parish, the 18th of the last month—June.

Two Sunday Schools have been organized. The usual Divine Services are celebrated morning and afternoon, every Sunday.

Baptisms, Infants (white)	2
Burials, " "	1

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Communicants—Added.....1
Present number.....37

The Rector trusts he is in a wide field of usefulness. May God give the increase.

TRINITY CHURCH, TIPTON COUNTY,

REV. WM. M. STEEL, *Late Rector.*

The state of the Parish at the date of my resignation of the same, June 19th 1854, is as follows:

Baptisms, Infants.....45
Marriages.....1
Communicants—Died.....1
Present number.....37

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

No Report from this Parish.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, NASHVILLE,

REV. CHARLES TOMES, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants.....3
Adults.....2
Confirmations.....6
Communicants—Died.....1
Removed.....1
Added.....7
Present Number.....25
Marriages.....1
Burials.....5
Sunday School Teachers.....5
Children.....25
Contributed at the Weekly Offertory.....$152 93
Appropriated as follows—Current Expenses.....49 43
Books for Sunday School.....10 00
Books for Chancel and Choir..43 50
Parochial Register.....10 00
Support of Episcopate.....40 00

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In consequence of my holding services in Christ Church twice on every Sunday—Morning and Evening—this Church is open once only on every day in the Afternoon.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CHATTANOOGA,

REV. J. SANDELS, *Rector.*

The Rector of this Church respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following statement from his Parish Register:

Families		11
Marriages		2
Funerals		3
Baptisms—Adults 3, Infants 9		12
Communicants, at last report		7
Added		10
Present Number		17
Contributions—Domestic Missions	$11	00
Melodeon	35	00
Church Furniture, &c.	38	70

REV. J. L. GAY,

Missionary at Loudon, Athens, Ducktown, Cleveland, Charleston, and parts adjacent, respectfully reports:

That he resigned the charge of the missionary station at the *Mouth of Tellico* on the first of October last, but not until he saw the church there nearly completed. It is or ought to be ready for consecration. It is a most beautiful edifice of brick, with marble dressings, stained glass, oak ceiling and furniture. Its cost was not far from $4,000, and was provided for by one family, in accordance with the wishes of the late John McGhee, Esq. Service was held at various houses in the neighborhood, as often as opportunity offered, until the missionary removed thence. The hope of a parish being organized there is much diminished by the removal thence of the chief supporters and friends of the church. A house of prayer, however, is there ready to receive them whenever they return, or any others who come to it; and it must yet prove a blessing to the beautiful but isolated region in which it stands. Baptisms of six infants and two adults, one marriage and two funerals, are the official acts during his time of service there.

At Loudon the church is so far advanced that it has been used for worship since Easter. When plastered it will be ready for consecration.—Appropriate and substantial furniture is provided for nave and chancel.—Since the mission became so much extended he has officiated here only about one fourth of his time, and has administered the communion but once, chiefly because he had no decent place in which to celebrate it.—Through God's mercy and much assistance from abroad, we are on the eve

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of the full enjoyment of our beautiful house of worship. With the church also, he desires to make grateful mention of a parsonage and convenient grounds, which, though in a rude and unfinished condition, are yet affording shelter to the missionary and his family. Of communicants he can report only five here now, though twelve have been enrolled on his list since the mission commenced. Seven funerals have been attended. Of the value of the land and money secured and invested here for the church, it is difficult to speak with certainty, but he believes that it may safely be put down at somewhat more than $4,000.

At Athens he began to officiate last fall, and has held fourteen services there; at first to less than a dozen of persons; latterly to good and attentive congregations, varying between thirty and ninety persons. Though this station is spoken of as almost hopeless for the church, yet, in the opinion of many, there is a better prospect for establishing the church there now, than at any time during the last ten years. A lot worth $200 has been offered, and quite a growing desire to build has been expressed. The Holy Communion has been administered once to ten persons, of whom only three or four could be claimed as belonging to our own flock.

At Ducktown, in Polk county, better known as the "Copper Mines," there is much to inspire hope and encouragement for the church. Services have been held there nine times, and four children have been baptized. An eligible lot and ground for a parsonage and burial-ground, worth at least $300, have been given, and preparation is making to build, and for which, it is understood, the money is in hand or appropriated by several of the companies. A plain but neat structure that can be put up immediately, and that will soonest supply the crying want for a house of prayer, is all that will be aimed at now. It will be calculated to hold about 200 persons, and to cost about $1200.

Besides the above he has baptised an infant and officiated four times at the Tellico Iron-Works; assisted at the laying of a corner stone at Chilhowee in Blount county; officiated on four Sundays at Montvale Springs in the same county, and seven times on four Sundays at Cleveland and Charleston in Bradley county. At both these latter points, lots, worth at least $500, are offered whenever we are desirous and ready to build upon them.

The above services have been scattered over a wide extent of country, forty miles wide by ninety long—a field so large and so vast, that nothing like justice has been done to the work in any part of it. Indeed, were it not that new and unoccupied ground is being secured for the church, and and something doing in the way of church-building, the missionary here would feel that he is really doing very little. As last year, so now, he has to lament that so much of his time has been spent in the collection of

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means and materials for, and in the oversight and superintendence of the building of outward temples, that his ministrations within their holy courts have been much interfered with. As long, however, as there is any more work of this sort to be done, and no one else seems to be at hand able and ready to do it, he is certainly willing to continue at what, for the present, seems to be his vocation, and by God's grace and assistance will do the best that he can.

REV. DAVID PISE,

Respectfully reports, that since his last report he has officiated at Bethel Meeting House, Montgomery County once; at Sycamore Mills, Davidson County, twenty-one times, where he has also married one couple, baptized two children, and performed the Burial Service once.

During the month of October, and a part of November, 1853, he performed duty for the Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, while absent in attendance upon the General Convention.

On the 1st of July he terminated his connection with Millwood Female Institute, Sycamore Mills, having received and accepted a call to the Rectorship of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OF TENNESSEE.

THE Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Tennessee, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Religion and Piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and posterity the advantages of the ministry and ordinances of the church, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. The Diocese shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Diocese of Tennessee.

ART. 2. The Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, is hereby acceded to, and adopted, and its authority fully recognized and acknowledged.

ART. 3. A Convention of the churches in this diocese shall be held annually, at such time and place as the last preceding Convention may appoint; and the Bishop, or if there be no resident Bishop, the Standing Committee may call a special Convention, whenever he or they may deem it expedient, at such time and place as he or they may think suitable.

ART. 4. The Convention shall be composed of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, constituting one deliberative body. All regularly ordained ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, who shall have been canonically resident in this Diocese, for the space of at least six months preceeding, whether pastors of congregations, or missionaries, or instructors in incorporated institutions, and such as are recognized by the Convention, or by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, shall be entitled to seats in the Convention. All regularly ordained ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese, in Priest's Orders, who on account of old age or impaired health, are to the satisfaction of the Ecclesiastical authority, unable to discharge the duties of the ministry, shall also be entitled to seats in the Convention. Each congregation shall have the privilege of sending three Lay Delegates, any one of whom may represent them in Convention.

ART. 5. The clergy and lay delegates shall, in Convention, deliberate in one body, and shall vote as such, and the votes of a majority of clergy and laity shall decide any question. But, when requested by any two members, the two orders shall vote seperately, and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to its decision.

ART. 6. The Bishop, if there be one, shall be *ex-officio* president of the Convention. He may make any motion, but shall not enter into debate; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject after it has been discussed, and before any vote thereon. If there be no Bishop, or in case of his absence, a president *pro tem.* shall be appointed from the order of the clergy.

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Art. 7. A Secretary shall be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to record the proceedings of the Convention, to notify the churches generally of the time and place of the meeting of the Convention, to preserve Journals and Records, to attest the public proceedings, to continue in office until a successor be appointed, and to deliver into his hands all books and papers belonging to the Convention.

A Treasurer shall also be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to receive and disburse the funds of the Convention by the order thereof. He shall render an account of his transactions to each annual Convention.

Art. 8. A Standing Committee of five persons, three of the clerical and two of the lay order, shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention, with power to fill vacancies in their body, and generally, to perform all other acts which may be required of them by the canons of the General Convention, or the Convention of this diocese.

Art. 9. Each congregation shall, on Easter Monday, or as soon thereafter as may be in each year, elect a vestry, consisting of not less than five, nor more than eleven persons, whose duty it shall be to attend to the temporal concerns of the church. They shall appoint two wardens out of their own body, a Secretary and Treasurer, and appoint delegates to the diocesan convention, and exercise all other powers vested in them by the usages of the church; continuing in office until a new vestry is chosen.

Art. 10. The election of a Bishop of this diocese, shall be by nomination of a majority of the clergy in the Convention assembled; and if such nomination be confirmed by a majority of the laity in said Convention, the person thus chosen shall be declared duly elected. But no election shall be considered legal, unless a majority of all the congregations shall be present by their clerical and lay delegates, and take part in the same.

Art. 11. The Book of Common Prayer and administration of the sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the Church, as set forth by the General Convention, shall be used in the several churches of this diocese.

Art. 12. Any proposition for the alteration and amendment of this constitution must be made in writing, and assented to by a majority of the members in Convention. It shall then lie over for consideration until the next Convention, and shall require for its adoption the suffrages of two thirds of the members present.

CANONS

Of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee.

CANON I.

Of the admission of New Churches.

Whenever any number of persons, not less than ten, shall associate to form an Episcopal Church, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee; they shall assume a suitable name by which their church or parish shall be designated, and shall appoint not less than five, nor more than eleven Vestrymen. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption shall then be laid before the Convention for approval, and

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also a certificate from the Bishop, or in case of his inability to act, or a vacancy in the Episcopate, from a majority of the Standing Committee, that notice was given him or them, at least three months before the Convention, of the organization having taken place, and of his or their approval of the same. Delegates from the church or Parish may then take their seats in the Convention, and the Church shall be considered as united to the Convention, and subject to its decisions.

CANON II.

Of the Reception of Clergymen into this Diocese.

No clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any congregation in this diocese, without producing to the vestry thereof a certificate from the Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, from the Standing Committee, that he has produced to him or them testimonials of his religious and moral conduct, as prescribed by the canons of the General Convention.

CANON III.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman.

SECTION 1. The trial of a clergyman of this diocese, shall be, on presentment made to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, in writing, specifying the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances, signed by the party making it; and every presentment of a clergyman shall be, either by the Convention of the diocese, by the vestry and church wardens of the parish to which such clergyman may belong, or by one or more presbyters of the church, entitled to seats in Convention.

SEC. 2. Whenever from public rumor, or otherwise, the Bishop shall have reason to believe that any clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct, for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint three persons, of whom one at least shall be a Presbyter, to examine the case; a majority of whom may make such examination, and if there is in their opinion sufficient ground for presentment, shall present the clergyman accordingly.

SEC. 3. A presentment being made in any one of the modes above prescribed, the Bishop, if the facts charged to him shall not appear to him to be such as constitute an offence, may dismiss it: or if it allege facts some of which do, and some of which do not constitute an offence, he may allow it in part and dismiss the residue, or he may permit it to be amended. When it shall be allowed in whole or in part, the Bishop shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused; and shall also nominate six presbyters of this diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall within thirty days after such service, select three of them and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within the said thirty days, the Bishop shall select three, and the Presbyters so selected shall form a Board for the trial of the accused, and shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, (but always within this diocese.) as they shall think necessary.

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SEC. 4. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting, shall be served at least thirty days before such meeting, on the accused, and also on one of the persons making the presentment.

SEC. 5. If at the time appointed for the first meeting of the Board of Presbyters, the whole number of three shall not attend, then those who do attend, being at least two in number, may adjourn from time to time; and if after one adjournment or more, it shall appear to them improbable that the whole number will attend within a reasonable time; then shall the accused, or, in case of his failure to do so—the Bishop—appoint another to complete the Board—who shall then proceed to the trial, and a majority of them shall decide all questions.

SEC. 6. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence; and if he shall not confess them before the appointment of a Board for his trial, as before mentioned, he shall be considered as denying them.

SEC. 7. If a clergyman presented, after having had due notice, shall not appear before the Board of Presbyters appointed for his trial, the Board may nevertheless proceed as if he were present, unless for good cause they shall see fit to adjourn till another day.

SEC. 8. When the Board proceed to the trial, they shall hear such evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively; and at the desire of either party, may be sworn to or affirmed by the witnesses respectively before the President of the Court. If on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Board may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SEC. 9. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witness cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witness. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least six days notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance—and both parties may attend and examine the witness; and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal and transmitted to the Board, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary, may be sworn or affirmed by him.

SEC. 10. The Board having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be without delay communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Board; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the

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accused and any two or more of the clergy to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend, and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Board of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SEC. 11. All notices and papers contemplated in this Canon may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written notice or paper delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper, provided however, that the service, if not personal, shall be a notice of at least sixty days.

SEC. 12. The accused may have the privilege of appearing by counsel, in case of the exercise of which privilege, and not otherwise, those who present shall have also the like privilege; which counsel shall in all cases be members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 13. The record of all proceedings upon a presentment of a clergyman, shall be preserved by the Standing Committee, and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their Secretary.

CANON IV.

The Clergy required to attend the meetings of the Convention.

SECTION 1. Whereas the regular attendance of the clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential importance to the interests of the church; this duty is hereby enjoined on them.

SEC. 2. And whereas it is often found necessary to travel a considerable distance, to the place of the meeting of the Convention, it is hereby made the duty of the several parishes to make provision for the expenses of their clergy in attending Convention, either by a collection in church on Sunday, or by some other mode.

CANON V.

Ministers of Parishes to keep a Register.

SECTION 1. The Parish Register required by Canon 29, of the General Convention of 1832, shall specify the name and the time of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors: the names of the adults baptized and the witnesses: the names of the parties married, and of two or more special witnesses of the same, and the place where the marriage was solemnized: the names of the persons buried, and also the time in which each rite was performed. It shall also contain the names of persons confirmed and a list of the communicants. These Registers shall be kept by the minister in a suitable book to be provided by the vestry, which book shall be the Parish Register and shall be preserved by the vestry as a part of the records of the church.

SEC. 2. Every minister of this diocese shall, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, present or send to the Bishop—or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention—a statement of the number baptized and confirmed, since the last annual Convention, the number of those who partake of the Lord's Supper, specifying the additions or re-

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movals that may have taken place; and the number of marriages and funerals: He shall also report the number of pupils and teachers connected with Sunday-School instruction in the parish, and the amount of the "Offerings of the Church:" stating the objects to which such offerings are appropriated, and what has been done in compliance with the requisitions of the Convention. The parochial report may also present concisely any other matters of fact which show the state of the parish.

SEC. 3. In every case where a parish is destitute of a minister, the Register contemplated in this canon, shall be kept by some person appointed by the vestry for that purpose.

CANON VI.

Delegates to be chosen to represent the diocese in General Convention.

The Convention at each annual meeting shall choose delegates to attend the General Convention. And should the delegation elected to represent the diocese in General Convention be unable to attend, then the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a delegate or delegates in behalf of the diocese.

CANON VII.

Certificates to be required of lay delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

The appointment of lay delegates to the Convention of the diocese shall be certified in writing by the Rector, or Warden, or the Secretary of the Vestry, of the proper church. And no person shall be admitted as a Lay Delegate in this Convention who is not entitled to vote for vestrymen in the parish which he claims to represent.

CANON VIII.

Parochial Assessments.

SECTION 1. The vestry of every parish in this diocese shall pay to the Treasurer of the Convention, at each annual meeting thereof, its assessment for the contingent expenses of the diocese:—and also, to the same officer, its assessment for the support of the Episcopate, one half thereof on the first day of March, and the other half on the first day of September in each year.

SEC. 2. The treasurer shall at least one month previously to the meeting of every stated Convention, call upon the vestry of each parish to send its assessment for the contingent expenses, including arrearages, if there be any, by the hands of the delegates to the Convention. And he shall also draw upon the vestry of each parish, at thirty days notice, on the first of March, and on the first of September, in each year, for one half of its assessment for the support of the Episcopate; and if there be any arrearages on first assessments, he shall forward at the same time a statement thereof.

SEC. 3. The treasurer shall regularly charge the said assessments on his books against each vestry, crediting the same with payments when made; and shall report annually to the Convention the state of his accounts with each parish, which report shall be entered on the Journals of the Convention.

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CANON IX.

Directing the mode of organizing the Convention.

The Convention shall be opened with prayer, after which the Bishop or President of the Convention shall proceed to organize in the following manner. A list of the clergy entitled to seats furnished by the Bishop shall first be called. The Bishop or President, shall appoint a committee of two clergymen to examine the certificates of the lay delegates who shall report thereupon, the names of such persons as are entitled to seats. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a Secretary, which being done, the Bishop or President shall pronounce the Convention duly organized. The Convention sermon shall be preached by the Bishop or by some clergyman appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, in the evening of the first day of the Convention.

CANON X.

Of Missions and of Education for the Ministry.

SECTION 1. The Church of Christ being essentially a Missionary institution, and every part thereof pledged, by the Christian profession, to the support of the Missionary work; and the education of young men, for the ministry, being necessary to the furtherance of the gospel, in the same work—it is solemnly urged upon every member of the church, that he consider his Christian profession as involving direct obligation to promote these objects.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of every minister in this diocese, to instruct the people of his charge, in relation to these objects. And it is recommended to every member of the church, to lay by him, on the first day of the week, in store, for these purposes as God has prospered him, according to the Apostolic direction. It is recommended that there be in every parish in this diocese a monthly collection on Sunday, the avails of which shall be forwarded quarterly by the wardens thereof to the treasurer of the Missionary and Education Committee.

SEC. 3. There shall be at each annual meeting of the Convention a Committee, consisting of the Bishop of the diocese, ex-officio, and four other members—two clerical and two lay, elected by ballot, to be called the Missionary Education Committee; to which shall be committed the appointment and regulation of beneficiaries, the appointing of missionaries and missionary stations, and making of all appropriations of money for either object; and no money shall be paid by the Treasurer but by an order of the Committee.

SEC. 4. It shall be the privilege of the contributors to designate to which purpose, and also to which branch of the missionary cause, if such be the designation, their contribution shall be applied. If no designation be made, it shall be at the disposal of the Committee.

SEC. 5. The Bishop of the diocese shall preside in all meetings of the Committee, when he is present, if absent, a chairman *pro tem.* shall be appointed. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 6. The Committee shall meet annually at the place and on the first day of the annual Convention of the diocese, and at such other times and places as the president may from time to time appoint, or as may be found convenient on their own adjournment. Three attending members shall be a quorum, and every meeting shall be opened with prayer.

SEC. 7. No beneficiary or missionary shall be appointed without the written consent of the Bishop of the diocese; or in case there shall be no

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Bishop, the Standing Committee of the same, which consent shall be entered on the minutes.

SEC. 8. At every annual meeting of the Committee, the Secretary of the same shall submit a report of the transactions of the year, then terminated, which with the Treasurer's report of the receipts and expenditures shall be laid before the Convention.

SEC. 9. Vacancies in the Committee, occurring during the recess of the Convention, may be supplied by the Committee.

CANON XI.

Of the Pension Fund.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every clergyman having charge of a parish in this diocese, and of the wardens where there is no clergymen, to make a collection, annually, at Christmas, for creating a permanent fund in aid of aged and infirm clergymen, together with the Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen.

SEC. 2. All monies so collected shall be given in charge to a Board of Trustees, consisting of two clergymen and two laymen, to be chosen by the Convention, and of which the Bishop shall be, *ex officio*, President, or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee. This Board shall exercise a sound discretion in the appropriation of pensions, and shall appoint one of their own number Treasurer, to whom all contributions shall be forwarded.

CANON XII.

Of the Secretary of the Convention.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to transmit annually to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last house of the clerical and lay Deputies in the General Convention, to the Conservator of ecclesiastical documents appointed by the general Convention, and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of the Convention; and shall request the last to send copies of their respective Journals in exchange. He shall also transmit a copy to each clergyman and each lay deputy attending the Convention, and forward by mail, unless otherwise directed, ten copies to each church in the diocese.

SEC. 2. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Secretary of the Convention, the duties thereof shall devolve upon the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 3. Any expense incurred by a compliance with the several sections of this Canon shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the diocese.

CANON XIII.

Of Elections.

SECTION. 1. All the officers of this Convention shall be elected by ballot; but elections by ballot may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the Convention.

SEC. 2. In all cases of failure, or omission to elect officers by the Convention, the persons last elected shall continue in office until others be chosen.

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CANON XIV.

An Episcopate Fund.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every parish in this diocese, to make a collection for the support of the Episcopate, on Easter of each year, which shall be forwarded without delay, by the Treasurer of the parish, to the Treasurer of the diocese. The fund thus collected shall, for the time being, be safely invested for accumulation. The Convention shall appoint two trustees to act with the Treasurer in the investment of this fund, and of any other funds which may be given by bequest or otherwise for this purpose.

SEC. 2. The monies thus collected for this purpose shall be allowed to accumulate until they shall reach the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, when the interest thereof shall be applied to the support of the Episcopate.

CANON XV.

SECTION 1. No proposed alteration or addition to the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice be given thereof in open Convention, nor unless by unanimous consent, until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to and reported upon by a committee of at least two presbyters and one layman.

SEC. 2. Any Canon may be suspended temporarily by unanimous consent.

CANON XVI.

Whenever a clergyman shall refuse or neglect to discharge any duties growing out of an appointment under these Canons, without assigning to the ecclesiastical authority sufficient and satisfactory reasons for such neglect, he shall be liable to ecclesiastical proceedings or censure.

CANON XVII.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be a repealing clause in any Canon and the said Canon shall be repealed, such repeal shall not be a re-enactment of the Canon or Canons repealed by the said repealing clause.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Canon shall also apply to Canons heretofore passed having repealing clauses.

CANON XVIII.

All former Canons of this Convention are hereby repealed.

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION IN FORMING CHURCHES.

Extract from the Journal of Convention of 1830.

Resolved, That it be recommended to each congregation of this diocese now existing, and also to each congregation which may hereafter be formed, before it shall be received into union with this Convention, to adopt articles of Association, declaratory of the objects of the congregation, and for increasing the facilities for the transaction of any business; and that the following form be adopted as near as circumstances will allow:

Form of Articles of Association for Congregations.

Whereas the following named persons, citizens of ———— and its vicinity, in Tennessee, viz: ————, together with others, have associated together for the purpose of forming and establishing a church in which the worship of God shall be conducted according to the faith and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and have for that purpose formed a congregation at ——— now at this date, worshipping in ———. They do hereby declare the following to be the objects, articles and conditions of their association:

1. The name of the association or congregation shall be the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of ———— church,

2. This church acknowledges itself to be a member of, and to belong to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Tennessee, and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. As such it accedes to, recognises, and adopts the Constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

3. Any member of this church or association, who shall disclaim, or refuse conformity to the said authority, shall cease to be a member of this association and shall not be elected or vote in the election of Vestrymen, or exercise any office or function in, concerning or connected with the said church or association.

4. The rents and revenues of this association shall be from time to time applied for the maintenance and support of the rector, ministers and officers of the said church, and of the church, church-yard, and parsonage house, and other houses which now do, or may hereafter belong to the said association, and to no other purpose whatever.

5. The said association or church, or trustees, in whose name their property shall be vested, shall not by deed or by any other means, without the consent of the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in whose diocese this church shall, for the time, canonically be, under his hand; or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office, of the Standing Committee of the said diocese, by a major number thereof, under their hands, previously had and obtained, grant, alien, or otherwise dispose of, any land, messuages, tenements, or hereditaments in them vested for the use and benefit of the said church or congregation, nor charge nor incumber the same to any person whomsoever.

6. The Rector of this church shall be elected by the wardens and vestrymen in open meeting, duly convened for that purpose. The vestry of this church shall consist of not less than five, nor more than eleven persons, members of the said church, who shall continue in office one year, and until others be chosen; and the election of said vestrymen shall be made, annually, on Easter Monday, by a majority of persons, worshippers in the said church, and not disqualified under the second of these articles, as shall appear by the vestry books to have paid two successive years, immediately preceding the time of the election, the full rent of a pew or seat in the said church, or contributed in any other regular way towards the support of the church or ministry; *provided*, that until the expiration of two years from Easter Monday next after the opening the said church edifice for regular worship, any worshippers in the said congregation, who shall have contributed and paid any sum to the support of the Rector or minister thereof, and not disqualified as above, shall be entitled to vote at the election of the vestrymen. And if the election of vestrymen should not be effected on Easter Monday, it may take place on any subsequent day notice to that effect being given publicly, to the congregation, on the Sunday immediately preceeding the same.

7. No person shall be Rector, or minister, or assistant minister of this church or allowed to execute any of the functions of the same, unless he shall be recognized by the Bishop in whose diocese this church shall canonically be, or, if there be no Bishop, then by the Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Tennessee, as a minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in good Standing.

8. The said Vestrymen shall have power to elect two church wardens, and such other officers as may be required by the canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or by the constitution and canons of the said church in Tennessee, or shall seem to them to be necessary—they shall exercise all other powers customarily belonging to their office, and in case of a vacancy in the rector-hip, shall exercise all the powers, by these articles vested in the rector, wardens and vestrymen: *Provided always*, that it shall be the duty of the said wardens and vestrymen to elect another rector to supply such vacancy as soon as conveniently may be.

9, In case of the dissolution of this association for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estate, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in whose diocese this church may, at the time be, and his canonical successors, to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of a future congregation of members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which may be formed in the same vicinity, and upon the same principles as the present church, and this association.

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" David Pise, John Shelby, M. D.

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" Charles Tomes, Wm. B. Reese, L.L. D.
" David Pise, Lucius J. Polk.

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" Wm. Fagg, John F. Jett.

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Rev. David Pise, *Columbia.*

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LIST OF THE CLERGY.

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The Rt. Rev. JAMES H. OTEY, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. Charles F. Collins,
Rector of St. Mark's Church, Williamsport.

" Wm. Fagg,
Rector of Immanuel Church, La Grange.

" John L. Gay,
Missionary at Loudon and Parts adjacent.

" John A. Harrison,
Rector of St. Luke's Church, Jackson.

" Thomas W. Humes,
Rector of St. John's Church, Knoxville.

* " James G. Jacocks,
Rector of St. James' Church, Bolivar.

* " John W. McCullough, D. D.

" David C. Page, D. D.,
Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis.

" David Pise,
Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

* " Charles Todd Quintard, M. D. (Deacon,)
Officiating at Ravenscroft Chapel.

" J. J. Ridley, M. D.
Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville.

* " James W. Rogers,
Principal of St. Thomas' Hall, Holly Springs, Miss.

" M. S. Royce,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Franklin.

" John Sandels,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga.

* " Robert Shepherd, (Deacon,)
Officiating at Chilhowee.

* " Franklin G. Smith, (*Suspended*,)
Columbia.

" Wm. M. Steel,
Rector of St. James' Church, Greeneville.

" Charles Tomes,
Rector of Christ Church, Nashville,

* " J. A. Wheelock,
Rector of Trinity Church, Tipton County.

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* Not entitled to seats in the Convention.

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LIST OF PARISHES.

CHRIST CHURCH,		*Nashville,*
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IMMANUEL	"	*La Grange,*
ST. PAUL'S	"	*Randolph,*
CALVARY	"	*Memphis,*
ST. MARK'S	"	*Williamsport,*
ST. JOHN'S	"	*Knoxville,*
ST. PETER'S	"	*Columbia,*
TRINITY	"	*Clarksville,*
ST. LUKE'S	"	*Jackson,*
ZION	"	*Brownsville,*
ST. JAMES'	"	*Bolivar,*
ST. JOHN'S	"	*Maury County,*
TRINITY	"	*Tipton County,*
ST. JAMES'	"	*Greenville,*
CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,		*Nashville,*
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,		*Chattanooga.*

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2d, 1855.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Tennessee, assembled in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of May, A. D. 1855, being the place and time appointed by the last Convention.

After Morning Prayer, and the Administration of the Holy Communion, the Rt. Rev. James Hervey Otey, D. D., the Bishop of the Diocese, and *ex officio* President of the Convention, caused to be read a list of Clergymen belonging to the Diocese and entitled to seats; of whom were present,

The Rev. John A. Harrison, *Rector of St. John's C'h, Ashwood.*
" David Pise, " " *St. Peter's* " *Columbia.*
" Charles Tomes, " " *Christ* " *Nashville.*

The certificates of Lay Delegates were then laid on the Secretary's table, and referred to the Rev. Messrs. Tomes and Harrison, who reported the following as duly elected:

Christ Church, Nashville,	F. B. Fogg,
	James Diggons,
	Russell Houston.
Church of the Holy Trinity,	George Brandon,
	M. D. Myers,
	John Moore.
St. Peters' Church, Columbia,	W. H. Hardin,
	James Walker,
	Dr. Wm. J. Polk.

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St. John's Church, Ashwood,	L. J. Polk,
	Geo. W. Polk,
	Geo. R. Long.
St. James' Church, Bolivar,	Pitser Miller,
	T. C. Coates,
	D. I. Wells.

The list being called, the following gentlemen answered to their names and took ther seats:

George Brandon,	Dr. W. J. Polk,
W. H. Hardin,	George R. Long,
James Walker,	D. I. Wells.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Secretary, and the Rev. David Pise was unanimously re-elected.

On motion, the Canon requiring elections to be made by ballot was dispensed with, and D. I. Wells was elected Treasurer *pro tem.*

On motion, it was *Resolved,* That the Rules of Order of the last Convention be adopted for the government of this. (*Appendix A.*)

On motion, it was *Resolved,* That Rev. Messrs. Jacocks and Quintard, now present, be invited to take seats in this Convention.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at half past eight o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, May 3, half past 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled in St. Peter's Church, the Bishop in the chair. After prayers by the President, the roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Certificates of Lay Delegates from Trinity Church, Clarksville, and St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, were laid on the Secretary's table, and referred to the Committee, who reported the following as duly elected:

Trinity Church, Clarksville,	J. O. Shackelford,
	H. Poston,
	W. R. Bringhurst.

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St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, Dr. S. P. Hunt,
Boling Gordon.

The list being called, Dr. Hunt and Mr. Gordon answered to their names and took their seats: Messrs. Houston, Fogg, and Diggons also appeared and took their seats.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:—

The record of my official services for the year past not included in my report to the last Convention, dates from the 11th of last August. On the day previous I arrived at Greenville, and found there the Rev. Wm. M. Steel in charge of St. James' Parish, to the pastoral care of which he had been invited by the vestry.

August 11, 1854. Prayers were read at night by Rev. Mr. Steel in St. James' Church, at his request I baptized an infant and preached.

Saturday 12. Prayer by Mr. S. at 9 A. M. and at night, on both of which occasions I preached.

Sunday 13. The same services were repeated at 11 A. M. and at 5 P. M. The weather was oppressively warm, but the attendance of the people good. The reports which I have received from this Parish under the ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Steel within the last few months, are very encouraging. Here, however, as elsewhere generally through the diocese, it will require persevering and faithful labors to gain attention among the people to the paramount claims of religion—to remove deep-rooted and long cherished prejudices against the Church, and to bring our hearers into acquaintance with the true character of our doctrine, government and worship.

On Tuesday the 15th, left Greenville for Knoxville, and instead of reaching there the following day, I was on the road two days and nights,

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in consequence of accidents to the stage. I arrived on Thursday at Knoxville, but worn down by fatigue and want of sleep. The atmosphere was evidently in an unhealthy condition and several deaths among the citizens, and cases of violent attacks of sickness, gave premonition of that terrible pestilence which, in the form of cholera, within a few days after visited the city.

Sunday the 20th. After morning prayer and the baptism of an adult by the Rev. Mr. Humes in St. John's Church, I preached to a large congregation. In the afternoon, prayers by the Rector, after which I preached and confirmed *five* persons.

Monday 21. I proceeded by stage to Loudon, arriving by 6 o'clock P. M. This town having just suffered the ravages of the cholera, the citizens had not generally returned. Mr. Gay was himself still debilitated from the effects of a severe attack, and the weather continued in a most unwholesome state. Reports came in daily from Knoxville, Madisonville and other places, of the appearance and fatality of the disease, and fear seemed to possess all minds. It was thought most prudent under these circumstances not to attempt to assemble the people for worship, but to see such as we could at their homes. In this way Mr. Gay and myself paid a few visits about the town. In the meanwhile the accounts from Knoxville assumed so alarming a character that we felt great apprehension for the safety of our Bro. Humes and his charge, and Mr. Gay wrote proffering his aid if needed. In a few days more favorable reports reached us and Mr. H. replied, stating that he was well and trusted to be able to meet the emergency without our assistance. Faithfully and fearlessly, through divine grace, our Ministers in this diocese have heretofore encountered these perils of their calling. May God graciously strengthen us all to follow their example and so to do our duty to Him and to his people.

Saturday 20. The Rev. Mr. Gay, read prayers in the new Church, now understood to be ready for consecration, and baptized a child.

Sunday 27. A respectable congregation assembled in the Church by 10 A. M. The Rev. Mr. Gray prefaced the service by some remarks, showing how the P. Book was to be used, and exhorting the people to join in worship. He then read morning prayer and I, the ante-communion. After this I addressed the people at considerable length on the claims of the Church, endeavoring to remove prejudices and to correct misrepresentations of our doctrine and worship. I then confirmed *two* persons.—In the afternoon the Rev. Mr. Gay again read prayers and I addressed a small congregation explaining in the simplest manner I could the plan of salvation and enforcing the duty of confessing Christ before men.

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Monday 28. In company with Rev. Mr. Gay left in the cars for Calhoun and Charleston, two villages situated opposite to each other—one on the north and the other on the south side of Hiwassee river. Arrangements were made to have service at night, a large number assembled at the place and time appointed, filling the room and many going away for want of accommodation. An explanation of the service was given, and its various portions pointed out, as they followed successively in the order of worship. Mr. Gay then read evening prayer which I followed with an extemporaneous address upon the obligations of a religious profession, the duty of worship and the manner of its acceptable performance. This was the course pursued through the whole extent of Mr. Gay's mission, and I think with manifest increase of interest and attention on the part of the people. They perceive that our Ministers are not necessarily obliged to use written discourses, and that if religious worship is presented to their use in fixed and precise forms, there are good and substantial reasons founded on high authority as well as expediency to commend the practice. Nothing however can be more apparent to an observant mind, than that some simplification of our worship is necessay, to adapt it to the condition of the understanding and social habits of the people. Argument would be thrown away upon the man who cannot perceive this, from even slight observation upon the religious knowledge, customs and worship of the great mass of our population.

Tuesday 29. At 10 A. M. a considerable congregation assembled at the Male Academy in the vicinity of the town. Mr. Gay explained the service and met some popular objections to our customs and usages, and then read morning prayer, having previously distributed P. Books to all disposed to use them. I then addressed the people after my usual manner, and dismissed them. Many had come from a considerable distance in the country to attend this meeting, and the interest which appears to have been awakened in our cause in the community, is very gratifying and encouraging. A considerable number of persons expressed an earnest desire to erect a house of worship for our use, and a willingness to contribute according to their ability for that end.

In the afternoon we left in the cars for Riceville in the neighborhood of Messrs. Parkinson and Bellows, whose families as members and friends of our Church, we proposed to visit. Upon our arrival we discovered that no conveyance for us at the depot had come. After waiting some time Mr. Bellows arrived bringing two horses and a mule for our accommodation. Mounted on these we set off under a burning sun and after one or two

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hours ride reached our destination. At night Mr. Gay read prayers and preached in a neighboring school-house.

Wednesday 30. We set off after breakfast and walked to another school-house in the vicinity where an appointment had been made for worship. By 10 A. M. it was filled with a congregation gathered from the surrounding country. I commented largely upon the excellency of the service and its adaptation to the wants of a worshipping assembly, and exposing the weakness of the misrepresentations and objections made against it. Mr. Gay having distributed P. Books, then read prayers in which many joined with apparent and earnest devotion. After this, I selected a part of the 2d chapter of the Acts as the foundation of my remarks, and continued my exposition and exhortations until I was nearly worn down by the exercise of speaking and the extreme heat of the weather. I trust that we were all "in the spirit," on that day; for I do not remember ever to have been present in an assembly which appeared to be more deeply interested or more seriously impressed with the importance of "eternal things." My hope is strong that we shall yet reap some precious fruit from that day's work, by the blessing of God.

In the afternoon returning to the depot we took the evening train of cars and arrived at Athens before sundown.

Thursday 31. At night the Rev. Mr. Gay read prayers and preached in the Meth. Church.

Friday, Sept 1. A small congregation met in the Meth. Church, at 11, A. M. The Rev. Mr. Gay read morning prayer and I expounded Jeremiah XXXII 6-13, endeavoring to show the true character of *faith*.

Saturday, Sept. 2. Divine service was celebrated at 11 A. M. in the same place by Mr. Gay, and I preached to a respectable congregation. At the proper time in the course of the service, two persons presented themselves for Baptism, which office was proceeded with to the prayer of consecration. It was understood that immersion was preferred by the candidates, and as there was no provision made for Baptism in that mode in the Church where we were then assembled, the remainder of the office was postponed until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. At that hour in the presence of a considerable number of persons gathered together on the banks of the Estanallee river, I baptized *Miss Sarah Humphreys* by affusion, and *Miss Catharine Douglass Keith*, by immersion, and received them both into the congregation of Christ's flock! Miss K. is a descendant of the Rev. Mr. Keith, a clergyman of the Church of England in Va., under the colonial government.

Sunday 3. In consequence of the oppressive heat of the season we

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determined to day to make a division of our ordinary services. At 8 A. M. Mr. Gay read the morning prayer and I then addressed the congregation on the nature and authority of confirmation and the views of the Church in its administration. *Three* persons then came forward to renew their baptismal vows, and ratified them by receiving Confirmation. After the congregation had been dismissed and a sufficient interval of time had elapsed for refreshment, the people again assembled, Mr. G. read the Litany and the ante-com., I preached and then administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. About fifteen persons united with us in its celebration.

Monday 4. In company with Rev. Mr. Gay, I left Athens by the morning train of cars and arrived before 12 o'clock at Cleveland where an appointment had been made for our services at night. A large congregation assembled in the Presbyterian Church at night, and after prayers by Mr. Gay, I preached. Although earnestly pressed to continue our services at this place, our engagements in the mining district did not allow of our doing so, and the next day we left for Ducktown in the mountains, having before us the prospect of an exceedingly uncomfortable journey. The road was rough leading a great part of the way close along the banks of the Ocoee, which is here hemmed in by high hills and lofty and cragged mountains, affording barely room in numberless places for a pass-way between them and the river. The first day's travel brought us to a Mr. Parks who received and entertained us hospitably. The night gathered in a large number of travellers and laborers to his house, which afforded us an opportunity that we did not lose, of having worship and speaking of the great salvation which it is our business to publish. The next day we arrived at the copper-mines, and were kindly provided for at the house of Mr. Congdon, a gentleman extensively engaged in mining operations. Much to our regret, he was absent on business in New York. His lady, who is a pious communicant of the church, and takes a deep interest in its welfare, by her attentions to our accommodation, made us feel at home and rendered our stay pleasant. There are probably between one and two thousand persons employed as operatives in this mining district, embracing an area of some six miles square. The opportunities for their religious instruction are very few and indifferent. At work all day, and many of them part of the night in the mines, and in preparing and sending off the ore, it is scarcely to be expected that they will meet for worship on other days than Sundays. And then all the inconvenience of having no church edifice or common place of assembling together, is felt to be a sad hindrance.

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A fair proportion of these people came from Cornwall, in England, having some knowledge of and attachment to the church. Under present circumstances, it is to be feared that they will generally, soon lose all sense of the proper obligations of religion and throw off its influence entirely. In the meantime their children will grow up uninstructed in the knowledge of their duty to God and man—untrained in the ways of holiness and unprepared for the conflicts of moral probation. I know of no place where the constant and regular services of a clergyman are more needed and a house of worship more obviously demanded. Some movements towards the accomplishment of these ends have been made, but the backwardness and lukewarmness of the chief proprietors, most of whom reside at a distance, operate as great discouragements, not to say a direct hindrance to the adoption of any measures of relief. Mr. Gay visits them occasionally and holds service and preaches: but the exigencies of the case call for stated and weekly labors in order to effect any permanent good. A church and minister, a school-house and teacher, are indispensable requisites to make a successful beginning in the important work here necessary, if it is ever to be accomplished. Appointments were made by Mr. Gay and myself, on Thursday and Saturday nights for worship at private houses in different locations. A few persons only met, for whom we read prayers and preached.

Sunday, 10. A congregation met at the house of Mr. Congdon, according to previous notice, at 10 A. M. Mr. Gay read prayers and I preached and administered the Holy Communion; five persons partook with us. At 5 P. M. I read prayers and Mr. Gay preached. The attendance through the day was good.

Monday, 11. We set off on our return to Cleveland, and arrived the next day. Mr. Gay was quite unwell and took the evening train of cars to return to his family. We both found traveling in the warm sun very debilitating, and full as much as we could stand.

Wednesday, 13. I arrived at Chattanooga, the Missionary Station of the Rev. John Sandels. In the afternoon we took horses and rode some four miles, to the Chattanooga or Lookout mountain, a high table land, where many persons have established summer residences for the benefit of the pure and bracing air. An appointment had been made here for service, and late in the afternoon Mr. Sandels read prayers and I preached to a small number. The next day was spent in visiting different families on the mountain, conversing with people on the subject of religion and the Church.

Friday 15. Returned to Chattanooga and at night after prayers by

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Mr. Sandels in our temporary place of worship, I preached. The following day was devoted to visiting various families of the congregation. In the evening I was gratified by the coming of Mr. Gay, restored in health.

Sunday 17. The weather being still very warm we again resolved on a division of the services. At 8 A. M. morning prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Gay. At 11 A. M. the congregation filled the house. Rev. Mr. Gay said the Litany. The ante-communion was read by Mr. Sandels. I preached and administered the Lord's supper. At 4 P. M. Mr. Gay again read prayers when I preached and confirmed *two* persons. At night Mr. Gay preached after prayers by Mr. Sandels. I do not know any Missionary Station in the diocese possessing more abundant and better materials for the use of the Spiritual husbandman than this. Still the increase to our fold is very small. A commodious Church is much needed.

Monday 18. Left Chattanooga by R. Road and reached Nashville at night. Wednesday, 20 Prayers were read by Rev. Dr. McCullough, and Rev. Mr. Tomes in Christ Church at night, and I preached. The like services were performed in the same place on Friday evening.

Sunday 24. Prayers were read by Rev. Dr. McCullough in Christ Church, in the forenoon, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Tomes and Royce, and I preached. The holy communion was also administered, the clergy present assisting. In the afternoon after prayers by Rev. Messrs. Royce and Tomes, I preached and confirmed *ten* persons. Tuesday and part of Wednesday of this week were spent in examining Mr. Robert Shepherd, candidate for deacon's orders. The examination having been satisfactorily sustained, Wednesday the 28th was appointed for his ordination. Morning prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Royce, the sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. McCullough—the candidate was presented by Rev. Mr. Tomes, whereupon according to the form prescribed and in use, I admitted Robert Shepherd to the holy order of deacons. I then administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by the Rev. Rector of the parish.

Mr. Shepherd is officiating at Chilhowee in E. Tenn., and hopes there to collect a congregation and build a Church.

Friday, 29. In St. Peter's Church Columbia, at night Rev. Mr. Pise read prayers, and I preached. The like services were performed the following evening.

Sunday, October 1st. The Rev. Mr. Pise read morning prayer, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon a large congregation was present. Mr. P. read prayers and I preached. On

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Tuesday, in company with Rev. Mr. Pise, proceeded to the neighborhood of Williamsport.

Wednesday, 4th. At 11 A. M., after prayers in St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, by Rev. Mr. Pise, I preached. The congregation was small. In the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Harrison, of Ashwood, joined us, and at night read prayers in St. Mark's Church; I baptized five adults at the request of Rev. Mr. Collins, the Rector, who stood as witness for them. I then preached and confirmed *seven* persons and delivered an address. The congregation was large and attentive. This parish is evidently in an improving condition, and will, I trust, increase in piety and zeal with the growth of its numbers.

Thursday, 5. Having again assembled at Church, the Rev. Mr. Harrison assisted Mr. Pise in the morning prayer, and I again preached. The next day went to the neighborhood of St. John's Church, Ashwood, but was too unable for any service in public until Sunday 8. At 11 A. M. Mr. Harrison read morning prayer in St. John's Church, after which I preached, confirmed *two* persons and administered the holy communion.

Monday 9. Prayers in St. Peter's, Columbia at night by Mr. Pise, sermon by myself.

Tuesday 10. Preached morning and at night in the same Church, after prayers by Mr. Pise.

Wednesday 11. Morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Pise, and sermon by myself. At night Mr. Pise having read prayers, I again preached, confirmed *nine* persons and addressed them. This class consisted wholly of young females, and all of them with one exception, I believe, pupils of the Female Institute, now under the charge of Mr. Hardin and lady. It is a pleasing evidence of the good training which these lambs of the flock receive in this cherished Institution, and furnishes strong ground for hope that it will yet recover, by God's blessing, from the terrible disasters of past years. The congregations which attended our services during this visitation were much larger than usual. Still the absence of many familiar faces, and the habiliments of mourning, apparent through our assemblies, gave melancholy proof of the ravages of death and spake a lesson of solemn warning to the living to be ready for that summons which none can evade or disobey.

Thursday 12. Proceeded to Franklin, and at night after prayers by Rev. Mr. Royce, the Rector, in St. Paul's Church, I preached to a respectable congregation. The next day visited several families of the congregation, and at night preached after prayers by Mr. Royce. The like ser-

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vices were performed the following evening with the addition of an adult baptism by the Rector.

Sunday 15. In the forenoon prayers were offered by Rev. Mr. Royce in St. Paul's Church, after which I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I was called to administer the rite of Confirmation in private to a venerable pair—a man and his wife—whose earthly pilgrimage seems drawing visibly to its close. They had been Methodists of reputable character and standing for many years: The gentleman himself distinguished as an earnest preacher, and his wife as teacher of girls. They were confirmed together, in the presence of a small company deeply impressed by the solemnity of the service, while those more directly concerned in the reception of the rite itself, seemed to rejoice in the opportunity of thus renewing their confession of Christ, and to realize that they had found a home of rest and peace, in the Church. At night after prayers by the Rector in St. Paul's Church, I preached to a large congregation and confirmed *five* persons. I devoutly thank God for the grace which appears to have accompanied the preaching of his word, and to have awakened a religious interest in this oldest parish in the diocese; a parish which has long been depressed, but which seems now by God's blessing to be reviving and strengthening under the prudent and faithful ministrations of its present rector.

Thursday 19. Having reached Clarksville on yesterday, the services of visitation were begun to day in Trinity Church, with prayers by the Rector and myself in the forenoon and at night, on both of which occasions the Rev. Mr. Tomes of Nashville preached.

Friday 20. Prayers by Rev. Dr. Ridley morning and night, and sermon by myself.

Saturday 21. Like services were performed to day with the addition of confirming *eleven persons* at night. The congregations have steadily increased in numbers from the commencement of our services.

Sunday 22. Morning prayer was said by Dr. Ridley: after which I preached, and assisted by the Rector administered the Lord's supper to some 70 or 80 persons. At night after prayers, I addressed the congregation and confirmed *two* persons. Heavy rain fell all the afternoon and at night, still the congregations were good.

Monday 23. The greater part of this day was spent in the country with a family deeply afflicted by sudden bereavement. At night prayers having been offered by Dr. Ridley, I preached and confirmed *two* persons.

Tuesday 24. Baptized a person in private, and at night preached, and confirmed *five* persons in Church after prayers by the Rector.

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Wednesday 25. Again went to the country to visit the afflicted family already referred to, and while there baptized the infant of the estimable lady whose sudden departure from this earthly scene two days ago, had overwhelmed her surviving husband and family with the deepest sorrow. At night Rev. Dr. R. read prayers in Trinity Church, and I again preached, which services concluded the week's visitation of this parish.

Friday 27. Having returned to Nashville on yesterday, I preached in Christ Church at night after prayers by Messrs. Pise and Tomes. The like services were performed the day following in the same place.

Sunday 29. Preached in Christ Church in the morning, and Church of the Holy Trinity in the afternoon, Prayers by the Rev. Messrs. Tomes and Young of La. At night in Christ Church; prayers by the same brethren, after which I preached and confirmed *six persons.*

Sunday, Nov. 5. Haviug reached Bolivar on the 3d of this month, I fulfilled the melancholy duty to day of preaching the funeral of a lovely and pious young woman, an exemplary member of our Church, and the only child of her parents who yet survive her. She was the daughter of Maj. R. P. McNeal of Bolivar—had returned home a few months ago from Philadelphia, where she had been at school, and was confirmed at Jackson, with five companions of her own age and sex the 9th of last May. Her intelligence, but above all her serious and earnest piety, to say nothing of her many worldly advantages, invested her with unusual interest, and led to the indulgence of the most flattering hopes of usefulness to the world and in the Church of Christ. These fond expectations were doomed to grievous disappointment. It pleased divine Providence to show in her an example of patient and unmurmuring submission, and unwavering faith, during the weary and protracted discipline of a six weeks illness. One anxiety only seemed to press her spirit, which found expression in earnest entreaties and exhortations to her beloved Father to meet her in Heaven. I trust that this brief record may not be without its use in warning the young of our communion to prepare for the scenes of death and judgment, and in leading them to devote their hearts with the same humility and sincerity to the blessed Saviour, as did this much loved and loving child! At 11 A. M. a very large congregation assembled in St. James' Church, and after reading prayers I preached. The people seemed to be deeply moved, and I hope were impressed with an abiding sense of the importance of eternal things. At 3 P. M. I again read prayers in the same Church, baptized an infant, and preached.

Sunday, 12. Preached in Calvary Church, Memphis—after prayer by Rev. Dr. Page and Rev. Mr. Evans of Illinois. In the afternoon baptized an infant in private; the parents residing in New Orleans.

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Sunday, 19. Prayers in the morning by Dr. Page in Calvary Church, on which occasion I baptized an infant, preached, and then confirmed *six* persons.

Wednesday, 22. United in holy matrimony, W. M. Folwell, Esq., and N. Phillips in C. Church. The next ten days I spent in Arkansas, during which time I preached on two occasions, and baptized one child.

From this time onward, till near Easter, I had charge of Cavalry Ch., the Rev. Dr. Page having resigned the rectorship thereof. During this period I performed the usual parochial duties, and united in matrimony one couple, Dr. J. C. Goodwin and N. C. White, on the 15th Dec. last.

Sunday, Jan. 21, 1855. This day I admitted to the order of Deacons, Charles T. Quintard, M. D., in Calvary Church, Memphis. Morning prayer was offered by Rev. Messrs. Fagg and Pise, the sermon was preached by myself, the candidate presented by Rev. Mr. Pise, the holy communion administered, the clergy present assisting.

Sunday, Feb. 1. Read morning prayer and preached at a school-house in Tipton county, at a place called Mt. Zion, where considerable interest has been excited in behalf of the church by the services of Dr. Quintard, and where it is proposed to erect a small house of worship for the accommodation of the neighborhood.

Wednesday, March 21. In Immanuel Church, La Grange, evening prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Fagg, when I preached, and confirmed *two* persons.

Thursday, 22. Arrived to-day at Bolivar. Evening prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Jacocks, the Rector of the Parish, and I preached.

Friday, 23. Prayers by Rev. Mr. J., morning and at night. I preached on both occasions, and on the latter confirmed *one* person. The next day I confirmed a sick person in private.

Sunday, 25. In St. Luke's Church, Jackson, prayers were read in the morning, afternoon and at night, by Rev. Mr. Jacocks, assisted by Dr. Quintard, on each of which occasions I preached.

Monday, 26. At night in the same church, after prayers, I baptized an adult, preached, and confirmed *two* persons.

Wednesday, 28. At Brownsville, morning prayer was read by Dr. Quintard, and I preached. Performed the like service at night.

Thursday, 29. After prayers by the Rev. Mr. Wheelock, I preached in the morning and at night, and on the latter occasion confirmed *two* persons.

Saturday, 31. Having passed into Trinity Parish, Tipton county, I confirmed a sick person privately, at Mr. G. A. Taylor's.

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Sunday, April 1. Prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Wheelock in Trinity Church, assisted by Dr. Quintard. I preached and confirmed *six* persons.

Tuesday, 3. At night, in Ravenscroft chapel, Poplar Springs, after prayer by Dr. Quintard, I preached and confirmed *five* persons.

Sunday, 15. At Sommerville, Fayette county, read morning prayer and preached. Very considerable interest has been manifested by the inhabitants of this beautiful and flourishing town—now also the seat of several very prosperous schools—for the establishment of an Episcopal congregation. Nearly two thousand dollars have been subscribed, I understand, for the erection of a house of worship, and nothing is wanting, it would seem, but the services of an efficient and faithful minister to collect the friends of the church together every Sunday for worship, in order to secure the accomplishment of this very desirable object. A temporary arrangement has been made with the Rev. Mr. Jacocks, of Bolivar, to preach there once a month.

Wednesday, 18. I solemnized the rites of matrimony near Memphis, between Mr. A. J. Hays and Miss. E. M. Walker.

Tuesday, 24. Performed the like office at Hamilton place, Maury co., uniting in holy matrimony, Mr. Ap. C. Jones and Miss S. R. Polk.

Sunday, 29. In St. John's Church, Ashwood, morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Harrison, after which I preached and confirmed *one* person.

The clerical changes to be noted in the diocese since the last Convention, are the following. The Rev. J. G. Jacocks, received on letters dismissory from the Bishop of N. C., has been chosen Rector of St. James' Ch., Bolivar, and entered on the duties of his charge about last Christmas. The Rev. Jno. A. Harrison received on letters dismissory from the Bishop of Missouri, has had charge of St. John's Church, Ashwood, for the last year. He has resigned the pastoral charge of St. John's for that of St. Luke's, Jackson, to which he expects to remove in a few weeks.

The Rev. Jno. A. Wheelock has returned to the Diocese with letters of transfer from Bishop Freeman, and been received, and elected Rector of Trinity ch., Tipton.

The Rev. J. W. Rogers has resigned Zion church, Brownsville, and removed to Holly Springs Miss., without taking letters dimissory. In like manner, the Rev. Dr. McCullough has resigned the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville, and removed to Wilmington, Delaware.

The Rev. Wm. M. Steel has been called to, and accepted the charge of St. James' Parish, Greenville. The Rev. Dr. Page, who resigned the charge of Calvary Church, has been re-elected to the same, and resumed

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his pastoral duties last Easter. The Rev. Wm. C. Stout has been transferred to the Diocese of Mississippi. The Rev. Charles T. Quintard, M. D., since his ordination in January, has been laboring very diligently and efficiently at Ravenscroft chapel, Randolph, and the vicinity.

The following is the list of candidates for Holy Orders; Lacy Jones, at the Theo. Seminary of Va.; Robt. Shropshire, about proceeding to Nashotah, Wisconsin; W. C. Gray, studying with Rev. Dr. Ridley, at Clarksville; John Moore, under the supervision of Rev. Charles Tomes, Nashville; John H. Rowling, under that of Rev. Mr. Humes, Knoxville; Wm. Mowbray, under direction of the Rev. Mr. Sandels, Chattanooga. The three last named are candidates only for the Diaconate. Mr. John T. Ashley having left the Diocese without my permission or approbation, has been stricken from the list of candidates. There are some two or three applications from persons to be received as candidates, but their testimonials have not yet been furnished by the Standing Committee.

Two of the above named candidates, L. Jones and R. Shropshire, are aided in the prosecution of their theological studies at Alexandria and Nashotah, by funds furnished by the Female Education and Missionary Society of Calvary Ch., Memphis.

This association is yet small, and has been in existence but a short time; yet the zeal and energy with which they have prosecuted their truly laudable objects, as evidenced by the contribution of $200, to assist in the education of candidates for orders, and $25 to a mission in the diocese, are worthy of high commendation. I trust that their example will be imitated in other parishes. Should it be so, there cannot be a doubt that ample means would be supplied to educate all our candidates for orders, and our Missionary operations be greatly strengthened and enlarged. All this, with the additional consciousness of doing good, might be accomplished with very little self-denial by hundreds in our communion, and without the sacrifice of any personal or social comfort. And even if it demanded sacrifice, what christian would refuse it when he reads: "To do good and distribute, forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

I must again call the attention of my brethren of the Clergy, and through them the notice of the Laity, to the fact that the Diocese of Tennessee is still reported as among the lowest in amount on the list of contributors to the Missionary funds of the Church, for the extension of the Gospel at home or abroad. Every parish in the diocese, with the exception of St. John's Church, Ashwood, has been aided by appropriations in years past from the Dom. Com. of Missions. Several of them have been liberally sustained, and yet year after year has rolled away, and

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scarcely any acknowledgment has been made by any of our congregations for the debt of gratitude which such cherishing care and sympathy demanded. I had hoped that the repeated statement of this fact would rouse attention to the call of duty in this work. But hitherto it seems to have attracted little or no notice among ourselves.

I wish also to call attention to the claims of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society upon the members of the Church in this Diocese, for assistance in the prosecution of its work. This institution is nearly co-eval with my consecration, in January, 1834, and the idea of its establishment was first suggested by statements made at a meeting then held, in St. James' Church, Philadelphia, for the purpose of aiding the church in the west. The credit of this suggestion is due to the pious and lamented Dr. G. T. Bedell, whose movement was warmly seconded by Dr. De Lancey, now the Bishop of Western New York.

Since the formation of the Society, this diocese has received from it, in the shape of donations, 2,510 copies of the Book of Common Prayer. From sales and donations in return, the Society has received from us $29 $\frac{3}{100}$; that is, the Prayer Book has cost us one cent and one mill per copy. It seems to me, that in almost all other cases, such a statement as this would be all that was needed to stimulate a reflecting people, to wipe away the reproach implied in it. But it may be well for us, perhaps, to consider this matter under another aspect. We complain, and justly, it may be, of the apathy and irreligion of men around us, and the want of zeal among ourselves. May not much of it be owing to the fact, that we have been so liberally dealt with by our church institutions out of the diocese, and thus have learned to rely on others rather than on ourselves. We care little for that which costs us little. May not this be the reason why so feeble responses are made by us to the calls of the Missionary, Prayer Book, S. School and Tract Societies of the church, and that, therefore, the Great Head of the church withholds his blessing from us, and permits us to be afflicted with spiritual leanness? It becomes us all, to lay these things seriously to heart, and to remember that "to whom much is given, of the same much will be required."

I feel constrained to invoke the serious and earnest attention of this convention to another matter, involving as I conceive very deeply the interests of the diocese. I refer to the condition of the Columbia Female Institute. This institution it is well known, was established with the distinct understanding that it was to be under the management of members and friends of the Prot. Ep. Church, and that its religious character was to be in keeping with the teachings of the Prayer Book. The public have

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had no other view of the subject. It has always been regarded and spoken of as a Seminary under the auspices of the Episcopal Church. In January 1847, a lease of the property was made by the Trustees to the Rector upon certain conditions, among which was the assumption by him of the debt then remaining due, to some of the Banks from the Institution. The misfortune which befell the Institute in 1852, led to the cancelling of the articles of lease between the Trustees and the former Rector, and obliged the Board to resume a part of the debt still remaining unpaid. It was not to be expected that the school would speedily recover from the effects of the terrible disaster which had befallen it. It requires patience, long perseverance, and diligent labor to do away the influence of an injury so peculiar as the one referred to, and which fortunately is of rare occurrence. The school was reorganized in Sept. 1852, and under every disadvantage foreseen, and some adverse circumstances certainly not anticipated, it has accomplished, fully as much as could be reasonably expected. Still its patronage does not yield a revenue sufficient to meet its indebtedness of $2000 or thereabouts: and it is to devise some means by which this sum can be raised and paid, that the wisdom and counsels of this convention is most respectfully asked.

This course has been adopted not without earnest efforts and urgent applications, on my part, in other quarters, to meet the emergency.

Some years ago the Board of Trustees entered into a written stipulation with me to place the property of the Institute as far as they could do so by law, under the control of the Convention of the Church, upon the condition that the debt should be paid. I entertain no doubt that the Board will readily carry out that stipulation on the terms named. A large sum of money amounting to 10 or 12 thousand dollars has been collected beyond the limits of the diocese, for the relief of this Institution. It was given upon the presumption that it was a Church School, and hence the property ought fairly and justly, to that extent at least, be under the control of the Church by its Convention. Scarcely any contribution to its funds has been made in this diocese, beyond the bounds of Maury county. I am very desirous to see it made what it was intended originally to be, a school for the religious training as well as the intellectual improvement of the young. This I feel every confidence, can be done. It requires but the co-operation of the friends and members of the Church in the diocese, to secure it all the patronage that is desirable, while the payment of the debt that now embarrasses it, and threatens its transfer by a public sale, to other hands, cannot surely be beyond our ability. Let it not be

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forgotten that it is the only seminary of learning in operation, having any connection with the Church in this diocese, and that a very large portion of the funds to secure its establishment, was contributed by members of our communion abroad. This circumstance alone would seem to make it our duty to secure the property for the objects first contemplated, and we could scarcely with credit to ourselves, allow it to pass into the possession of those alien to the Church.

There are some subjects of general interest, upon which it was my purpose to offer some remarks, but the time already taken up with this report hardly allows of its extension.

Within the last year the diocese of New York as well as the Church at large, has been called to mourn over the sudden death of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Wainwright. He was a Bishop greatly respected for his talents usefully employed in the cause of religion, much venerated for his piety, and enlightened zeal for the Church, and as much beloved for his great urbanity. He died on the 21st of last Sept. His brief Episcopate was distinguished by abundant labors, and blessed of God by large additions to the Ministry and communion of the Church. He has been succeeded by the Rt. Rev. Dr. H. Potter, who was consecrated in November last.

The number of our Bishops has been increased by the election and consecration of the Rt. Rev. H. W. Lee, as Bishop of Iowa, and of the Rt. Rev. Thos. M. Clark, as Bishop of Rhode Island.

The subject of the colonization of the free black people of this country, on the Western Coast of Africa, is every day assuming importance to the philanthropist and the statesman. It loses none of its interest to ourselves, from considering that we have a Bishop there, actively engaged in "setting in order the things that are wanting" for the increase of virtue and religion, in establishing schools and sending missionaries to the barbarous and savage tribes that border on the colonies. A recent circular from the Secretary and General Agent of the A. C. Society, states that its funds are greatly deficient, and inadequate to meet the demand made upon its treasury for the transportation of those desirous of emigrating to Africa. In view of this fact and of the lively interest we ought to feel in this enterprise of colonization, both as christians and patriots. I respectfully recommend that our congregations be called together on the 4th July, the anniversary of our National Independence, that the clergy preach on the occasion and a collection be made in aid of African colonization, or of the missions of our Church under the direction of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Payne.

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Praying Almighty God to grant to you "the spirit of wisdom and understanding" in your deliberations.

I remain your faithful friend
and affectionate Pastor,

May 3, 1855. JAS. H. OTEY.

The Parochial Reports were then read, and on motion, referred with the Bishop's Address to the Rev. Messrs. Tomes, Ridley and W. H. Hardin, as a Committee on the state of the Church.

On motion, *Resolved*, To refer so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Columbia Female Institute to a committee of two.

Whereupon, the chair appointed Rev. Mr. Pise and Francis B. Fogg, Esq., on that committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That that portion of the Bishop's Address which relates to the Female Education and Missionary Society of Calvary Church, Memphis, be referred to a committee.

The chair appointed Rev. Mr. Royce and Mr. D. I. Wells.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the election of the Standing Committee and Delegates to the General Convention be made the order of the day for this P. M.

The Rev. Mr. Tomes gave notice, that, on the next day, he should propose the following alterations and additions in Canons xi and xiv, viz:

In Canon xi, sec. 1, after the word "Christmas," insert, "or in some other mode, annually to obtain contributions."

For Canon xiv, substitute as follows:

"It shall be the duty of every Parish in this Diocese to make a collection on Easter-day of each year, or in some other way annually to contribute towards erecting a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate.

The Convention shall appoint three Laymen to act as trustees of the Episcopate fund, to whose hands the fund thus collected, shall be entrusted with any other monies or property which may be given by bequest or otherwise, for this purpose.

The trustees of this fund shall safely invest the same for

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accumulation until it shall reach the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, when the interest of the same, or income therefrom, shall be applied to the annual support of the Episcopate."

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report to the next Convention, new Articles of Association. The Rev. Mr. Tomes and Messrs. Fogg and Houston were appointed.

The Convention took a recess till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

Messrs. Shackelford, Miller and Lucius J. Polk appeared and took their seats as Delegates—certificate from Calvary Church, Memphis, was laid on the Secretary's table, and referred to the committee, who reported Dr. Charles Abercrombie and Mr. Wm. Armour, Senr., as duly elected delegates:

Dr. Abercrombie appeared and took his seat; Rev. Dr. Page and Rev. William Fagg also appeared and took their seats.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee and Delegates to the General Convention, and the following gentlemen were duly elected, viz:

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Charles Tomes,	Mr. F. B. Fogg,
" David Pise,	Dr. J. Shelby.
" J. J. Ridley,	

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. D. C. Page, D. D.,	Dr. S. Oldham,
" Charles Tomes,	F. B. Fogg,
" David Pise,	Wm. B. Reese, L. L. D.,
" John A. Harrison,	Lucius J. Polk.

On motion, the election of Trustees for the Episcopate Fund was deferred until to-morrow morning.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following elections were made:

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MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., A. O. Harris,
" William Fagg, John F. Jett.

TRUSTEES OF PENSION FUND.

Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., F. B. Fogg,
" David Pise, Dr. J. Shelby.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for

TREASURER OF CONVENTION,

And A. O. Harris, was duly elected:

Report of the Standing Committee was then read, and ordered to be appended to the Journal. (*Appendix B.*)

Rev. Mr. Tomes declared his intention to offer, to-morrow, the following alterations in Canons V, and VIII; viz:

Canon V, Sec. 2. After the first clause insert, "He shall also report the name of the Treasurer of the Vestry or congregation with which he may be connected as Rector, or as officiating Minister."

Canon VIII. Parochial Assessments.

Sec. 1. At each annual Convention, assessments shall be laid upon the several Parishes to provide for the support of the Episcopate for the ensuing year; and to meet the contingent expenses of the Diocese.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese to collect by draft upon the Treasurer of each Parish, or otherwise, the amount of its assessment in four quarterly instalments, viz: on the 1st of August, 1st of November, 1st of February and 1st of May.

Sec. 3. In order to secure the punctual payment of these assessments, it shall be the duty of the Minister of each Parish—or in case the Parish be destitute of a Minister, the Senior Warden—to make provision by collections or otherwise, at least one week previous to the time each quarterly payment falls due, for meeting the drafts or calls of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

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Sec. 4. As sec. 3 now is."

On motion, Canon XV, was temporarily suspended.

On motion, *it was further Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed to consider and report upon the proposed alterations of Canons V. XI. XIII. XIV.

Rev. Messrs. Ridley and Pise, and Messrs. Fogg, Miller and Shackelford were appointed.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Tomes was added to this committee.

The Treasurer's Report was read and referred to Messrs. Houston and Shackelford, as Auditing Committee.

The President called the Rev. Dr. Page to the chair:

On motion, the Committee on Assessment was appointed, consisting of

Rev. M. S. Royce,	Messrs. Houston,
" Wm. Fagg,	" Brandon,
	" James Walker,
	" L. J. Polk,
	" Pitser Miller,
	" J. O. Shackelford,
	Dr. S. P. Hunt,
	" C. Abercrombie.

The Convention adjourned to meet at half past 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, May 4th, half past 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled in St. Peter's Church, the Bishop in the chair. After prayers by the President, the roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The committee on the Columbia Female Institute presented the following report and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the Columbia Female Institute, beg leave to report,

That a meeting of the Trustees of the Institute was held on the 3rd day of May (inst.,) when the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

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"*Whereas*, by resolution of this Board, adopted on the 14th September, 1844, it was *Resolved*, That so soon as the debt now due and owing by the Board is paid and discharged, as far as the Board is concerned, the property should be considered as belonging to, and under the control of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Tennessee: And *whereas*, there is still a debt due and owing by the Trustees of the Institute, on behalf of the Institute, and contributions are asked for the payment of the unpaid debt. On motion, it is *Resolved*, That so far as any future contributions are made towards the satisfaction of said debt, and whenever said debt is paid, the Board of Trustees do consider, and will consider the said resolution heretofore as adopted, as binding upon them."

This resolution secures the property to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, for the purpose of Female Education, as provided in the original charter and laws of the Institute, as soon as the now existing debt is paid. It is therefore important that energetic measures should be adopted to secure the desired advantages. Your committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Right Reverend Bishop of this Diocese be requested and authorised to appoint the Rev. Mr. Quintard to solicit contributions for the benefit of the Columbia Female Institute, and particularly for the purpose of paying the debts now due, and that the money collected, after deducting the compensation and expenses to be allowed, may from time to time be appropriated to the payment of said debts.

Resolved, That if it is deemed necessary and expedient, the Bishop shall have authority to appoint an additional agent, or agents, for the above purposes.

DAVID PISE.
F. B. FOGG.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of the Diocese be held on the last Wednesday in April, in Trinity Church, Clarksville.

The Committee on Canons reported in favor of the proposed alterations of Canons V. VIII. XI. and XIV.

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On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the proposed alterations of Canon V. be adopted.

On motion, it was *further Resolved*, That the proposed alteration of Canon VIII. be adopted.

On motion, it was *further Resolved*, That the proposed alteration of Canon XI. be adopted.

On motion, it was *further Resolved*, That the proposed substitution for Canon XIV. be adopted.

The Convention then went into election of Trustees of the Episcopate Fund, the ballot being dispensed with; whereupon the following gentlemen were elected, viz:

MATTHEW WATSON.
F. B. FOGG,
JAS. B. CRAIGHEAD.

The Convention took a recess till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

The Rev. Mr. Royce, in behalf of the committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address which related to the operations of the Female Missionary Society of Calvary Church, Memphis, offered the following report, which was adopted, and ordered to be appended to the Journal. (*Appendix C.*)

The Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocese reported that they appear, on examination, to be correct. On motion, the report of the committee was accepted, and the Treasurer's report referred to the Committee on Assessments.

Dr. Abercrombie was excused from further attendance on the Convention.

The report of the Committee on the state of the Church was read and ordered to be appended to the Journal. (*Appendix D.*)

The President called the Rev. Mr. Fagg to the chair.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That 300 copies of the Journal be printed.

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The Committee recommend the following schedule of assessments, which was adopted.

Churches.	For the Episcopate.	Contingent Fund.
Christ Church, Nashville,	$350	$30
Calvary Church, Memphis,	650	35
St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	115	10
St. John's Church, Maury county,	100	10
Trinity Church, Clarksville,	100	10
Immanuel Church, Lagrange,	25	5
St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	70	10
St. John's Church, Knoxville,	85	10
St. James' Church, Bolivar,	30	10
Trinity Church, Tipton county,	30	
St. Thomas' Church, Sommerville,	10	5
St. Paul's Church, Randolph,	20	
St. James' Church, Greenville,	25	5
St. Paul's Church, Franklin,	25	5
Zion Church, Brownsville,	40	5
Church Holy Trinity, Nashville,	35	
St. Mark's Church, Williamsport,	20	5
St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga,	20	5

The report of the Treasurer *pro tem.* was then read, and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

On motion, the Convention authorised the President of the Standing Committee to draw on the Treasurer of the Diocese for the sum of $6 39 in payment of necessary expenses attendant upon the meeting of said Committee.

The Committee on Assessments reported a list of arrearages to the Assessment Fund, which was ordered to be appended to the Journal. (*Appendix F.*)

On motion, the report of the Committee on the state of the Church was called up:

The President resumed the chair.

The aforesaid report was accepted, it was on motion, *Resolved*, That in consideration of the state of the Church in this Diocese, a committee of three be appointed to devise measures for a more general extension of the Church within the limits of this State.

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Whereupon the chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Pise and Fagg, and Mr. J. O. Shackelford on this committee.

The Rev. Messrs. Tomes and Royce and Messrs. Fogg and Diggons were excused from further attendance on this Convention.

The Convention then adjourned to half past 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, May 5th, half-past 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled in St. Peter's Church, the Bishop in the chair; the roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Convention be, and is hereby requested to forward to the Treasurer of the Diocese a copy of the alteration of Canon VIII., made at this Convention, and that the Treasurer communicate the same to the Rector of each Parish, for the information of the Treasurer thereof.

The Committee took a recess of ten minutes.

The committee appointed under the reconsideration of the report on the state of the Church, offered their report, which was still under consideration, when the Convention took a recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SATURDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

On motion, the report pending was adopted and ordered to be appended to the Journal. (*Appendix E.*)

The Journal was then read and approved, and after singing, prayers and the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JAS. H. OTEY,
Bishop of Tenn.

Attest:
DAVID PISE, *Secretary*.

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APPENDIX.

(A.)

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the business of the House, unless he have leave or be unable to attend.

4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without permission from the President.

6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the House, unless on a motion for reconsideration be made by one of the majority.

7. No motion shall be considered as before the House, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing, when required.

8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately and without debate.

(B.)

The Standing Committee respectfully report to the Convention of the Diocese as follows:

On the 27th September, 1854: They recommended Robert Shepherd for Deacon's Orders.

On the 9th October, 1854: They consented to the consecration of the Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., as Prov. Bishop of the Diocese of New York. And also, to the consecration of the Rev. Thos. M. Clark, D. D., as Bishop of Rhode Island.

On the 26th December, 1854: They recommended Charles T. Quintard for Deacon's Orders.

On the 1st March, 1855: They recommended William Mowbray as a candidate for Holy Orders.

CHARLES TOMES,

President and Secretary of the Standing Committee.

Columbia, May 2, 1855.

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(C.)

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address which relates to the operations of the Female Missionary and Education Society of Calvary Church, Memphis, would respectfully report—

That in view of the great deficiency of Clergymen to meet the urgent calls for the establishment of the Church; and in view, likewise, of the slow increase in the number of candidates for Orders, it would be very desirable to have the attention of the whole body of our communicants constantly drawn to the sad fact, that the laborers are not sufficient to gather the harvest. It would seem that when attention was once directed to the magnitude of the want, a corresponding interest would be felt in devising means to meet that want. And for the double purpose of awakening greater personal interest in the matter of procuring an adequate supply of Clergymen, and of raising funds for the promotion of so good a work, it would appear to your committee, that such associations as the one referred to by the Bishop in his address, would greatly tend toward the promotion of the object, and they would recommend that efforts should be made for the establishment of similar associations in every Parish of the Diocese.

M. S. ROYCE,
D. I. WELLS, } *Committee.*

(D.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee to whom the subject has been referred, report the following statistical account of the present state of the Church, so far as correct information may be gathered from the Bishop's Address and the Parochial reports:

The number of organized Parishes is	17
The number of Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese is	20
Clergy in charge of parishes or missionary stations	16
The number of parishes without Ministers is	5
The number of candidates for Holy Orders is	5
The present number of communicants as reported	793
Persons engaged in Sunday School teaching	54
Children attending Sunday School instruction	340

Since the last Convention there appear to have been,

148 infant baptisms.
40 adult baptisms.
98 confirmations.
28 marriages.
57 burials.

And contributions as church offerings to the amount of $3144 50.

By comparing the above statement with similar statements made at previous Conventions, the Committee can find but little cause of gratulation. As far back as the year 1839, there were fourteen organised parishes in this Diocese. The number since then organized has been but four; while one has been disbanded. There has consequently been an actual increase of only three parishes in the Diocese during a period of sixteen years.

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At the Convention of 1849, there were twenty clergymen connected with the Diocese, and now, six years later, the number is the same.

In 1853, the number of communicants reported, was 751. There has been, therefore, an increase of only forty-two in two years.

From accounts which the committee has received from other sources, besides the Address of the Bishop, of the large number of people who attended with interest he laborious and self-denying efforts which he has made during the past year, to spread abroad through this Diocese the truths of the Gospel of Christ; and as those truths are embodied in the order, discipline and services of the church, the committee cannot attribute the present depressed state of the church, as exhibited, in comparing her present with her former condition, to any cause which may not be obviated and overcome by proper efforts on the part of the clergy and laity—what those efforts should be, it is not within the province of this committee even to suggest. Their duty is occomplished by bringing before this Convention the bare naked facts which exhibit the true state of the Church in the Diocese. The committee, however, beg leave to impress upon the minds of the Clergy and Laity of this Convention, and through them, upon the minds of the whole Church in this Diocese, the unpromising state in which the Church is, the importance of seriously considering the same, and their duty to devote themselves more faithfully to the service of their Lord and Master, so that men may see their good works, and glorify their Father in Heaven; so that their lives may add force to their words, when they say to others "Come thou with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

CHARLES TOMES,
JOS. JAS. RIDLEY,
W. A. HARDIN, } *Committee.*

(E.)

The Committee appointed to take into consideration what measures can be adopted to promote the extension of the Church in this Diocese, respectfully report:

That it becomes their duty, first to enquire into the causes of the present circumscribed condition of the Church in Tennessee, that they may be the better able to suggest the remedy.

The first cause which your committee would mention, why the Church, after the laborious efforts of the present Bishop of the diocese, for twenty years of hard service, is so little extended among a population now amounting to nearly one million and a half, is the little security for temporal support to clergymen in accepting the charge of old established parishes even.

There is scarcely an instance where the Rector of a parish has not been compelled to teach for five days in the week in order to secure the means of support for himself and family, so that he could preach the Gospel on Sundays almost without charge to the people—and this, not merely in the organization of the Parish, but long after the time when he might reasonably hope to be released from so toilsome a task—and this is true of Bishop, Priest and Deacon.

Out of the 17 Parishes in the diocese, only 6 give a salary which exempts their

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Ministers from teaching or other means of support—6 derive aid from the Diocesan or Domestic Board of Missions.

Now, your committee ask, can men so occupied with other duties than those which their ordination vows impose, find time to do Missionary work beyond the limits of their respective cures? It is manifestly impossible.

Your committee are sure that the clergy of this Diocese are not indolent men, desiring snug parishes and easy duty. They are, as a body, hard-working men—not afraid of the plough-handle—but are ready and willing to labor to the extent of their ability, for the extension of the Church, and by it, as God's instrumentality, for the salvation of men, through the blood of the Redeemer.

All they ask is a bare support; that they may devote themselves, body, soul and spirit, to this labor of love—and this they have a right to demand at the hands of those for whose best interests they spend their strength.

Your committee rejoice that the attention of the Laity is at length aroused to the true state of the Church in the Diocese—to the importrnce and necessity of doing something at once and vigorously, for her extension, if not for her preservation here.

They regard it as one step in the right direction; and earnestly invoke the cooperation of the Laity with the clergy, in that work to which they are pledged by the most solemn vows.

Another cause why the Church is still so circumscribed, is the universal substitution of the Parochial for the Itinerant system.

A new country is Missionary ground. The Parochial system is not adapted to Missionary labor. The natural order of things, here as elsewhere, has been inverted.

The Parochial system has been attempted first, until, by a mortifying failure we have been driven to see the error, when almost too late to remedy the evil.

The truth is, the Church is aggressive—she must begin her work upon individuals—she is first to gather in. This the work of an Itinerancy. She is then to keep and train. This is her work as seen in her parochial system. But the material must first be gathered, before it can be wrought into shape..

Now who is to perform this elementary work? Who but the christian Minister, sent out under the direction of the Bishop, and carrying the Church in himself, for the time being, into the wilderness!

But how can he go upon this aggressive work on sin and error and prejudice, unless he be sustained by the Church at home?

Who is to hold up the hands and sustain the sinking head of the toiling wanderer, but the Church at home?

There are many, surrounded with the comforts of domestic life, sustained and supported by the sympathies of a devoted flock, who would willingly forego all these advantages, and go forth to do this first work of the Church, if she, as God's almoner, will only give them bread to eat and raiment to wear. The question is then, witl she do it?

Another cause of the evil lamented, is, in the opinion of your committee, the want of information as to what the Church really is.

One remedy for this is, the extensive circulation of books and tracts setting forth what religion is, as taught by the Church, which will serve to enlighten ignorance and disarm prejudice.

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But whence are to be derived the funds for the purchase and circulation of such means of knowledge? Manifestly from the Laity.

Every parish clergyman could circulate to great advantage tracts and books to the amount of ten or twenty dollars worth, annually in his own neighborhood, and *would* do it, if he could raise these sums for that object.

Your committee therefore recommend the establishment of Depositories, for the sale of Church Books and Tracts, at Memphis, Nashville and Knoxville, provided the necessary means be furnished by the Laity.

Your committee could also show further, did time allow, that the evil lamented originates not so much in the want of adaptation of the Church to the masses, as in the want of co-operation of the Laity with the clergy, in the work of Church extension.

And with a view to awakening the Church to a sense of her capability and duty as a Missionary Society, to extend the knowledge of her claims, and her ways, and to enlarge her boundaries within the state, your committee would recommend the meeting of the clergy in convocation at the four stated seasons of ordination.

These are, in the judgment of your committee, some of the causes, and the remedies of that condition of things implied in the Resolution, on which they have been appointed to act.

D. PISE,
WM. FAGG,
J. O. SHACKLEFORD.

(F.)

The Committee on Assessments report, that in comparing the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocese and the Treasurer *pro tem.*, of the present Convention, with the assessments made at the last Convention and the former arrearages, they find that the following Parishes are in arrears for the support of the Episcopate, as follows:

	For 1853.	1854.	1855.	Total.
St. James' ch., Greenville,		$12 50	$15	$27 50
Ch. at the mouth of Tellico,	20			20
Calvary ch. Memphis,			337 75	337 75
St. Peter's ch., Columbia,			94 75	94 75
Trinity ch., Tipton county,			5	5
St. Paul's ch., Randolph,			16 20	16 20
Zion ch., Brownsville,			75	75
St. Paul's ch., Franklin,	15			15
St. John's ch., Knoxville,			42 50	42 50
Ch. of the Holy Trinity, Nashville,			35	35
St. Paul's ch., Chattanooga,			10	10
				$678 70

And for the contingent fund as follows:

St. John's ch., Maury county,	10	10	10	30

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St. James' ch., Greenville,	2 50	5	5	12 50
Ch. at mouth of Tellico,	5			5
Calvary ch., Memphis,	35		35	70
St. Peter's ch., Columbia,	4 45		10	14 45
St. Paul's ch., Franklin,	5			5
Zion ch., Brownsville,	5		5	10
Christ ch., Nashville,			30	30
St. Paul's ch., Chattanooga,			5	5
				$181 95

A. O. HARRIS, TREASURER,

In account with fund for support of the Episcopate.

July 28, 1854.		Cash received of H. A. M. White, Tr. *pro tem.*, through Rev. C. Tomes, Nashville,	$795 00
Oct. 18,	"	Cash of Dr. S. Oldham,	25 00
19,	"	" of St. Luke's church, Jackson,	70 00
29,	"	" of St. Paul's church, Chattanooga,	10 00
Jan. 15,	1855,	" of Christ church, Nashville,	175 00
22,	"	" of St. James' church, Bolivar,	15 00
24,	"	" of St. Peter's church, Columbia,	100 00
26,	"	" of St. John's church, Ashwood,	25 00
30,	"	" of St. John's church, Knoxville,	42 50
Feb. 12,	"	" of Calvary church, Memphis,	492 25
26,	"	" of St. Paul's church, Randolph,	23 80
26,	"	" of St. Peter's church, Columbia,	20 25
26,	"	" of Trinity church, Tipton,	40 00
			$1,833 80
Credit by Cash paid Bishop Otey,			$1,833 80

A. O. HARRIS.

Memphis, April 28, 1855.

A. O. HARRIS, TREASURER,

In account with Contingent Fund.

1854.	Balance per account rendered to Convention of 1854,	$17 33
July 28,	Cash received of Rev. C. Tomes, collected at Knoxville,	115 00
		$132 33

CREDITS.

Oct. 20,	By cash paid Rev. Mr. Pise's draft to Jno. Roberts, printing Journals,	$79 40	
1855. M'h 16,	By Postage on Journals, paid Rev. Mr. Pise,	4 45	
Ap'l 20,	By cash paid Bishop Otey,	48 48	
			$132 33

A. O. HARRIS.

Memphis, April 28, 1855.

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CONTRIBUTIONS,

To the Diocesan Missionary Fund of Tennessee, at Columbia, during the Convention held May, 1855, and sent to the Treasurer of said Fund.

Rev. J. J. Ridley,	2 00
John Baird	5 00
Mrs. Julia Baird	5 00
Mrs. M. Trotter	2 00
J. O. Shackelford	3 00
Mrs. J. O. Shackelford	2 00
Mrs. Ellen Booker	2 00
Mrs. —— Brown	2 00
Miss Anne Brown	
Mrs. L. H. Philips	2 00
Miss Sabina Kemp	
Miss Mary Rivers	2 00
Missionary Fund of Clarksville	5 00
Rev. D. Pise	2 00
Mrs. A. S. Pise	2 00
Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey—2 years	4 00
Rev. J. A. Harrison	2 00
Mrs. E. L. Harrison	2 00
Mrs. Stith	2 00
W. H. Hardin	2 00
Mrs. Geo. W. Martin	2 00
Donation, Rev. Dr. Page	1 00
Captains Goslee & McDonough of Steamboat Collier	25 00
J. G. Womack, M. D.	2 00
Mrs. F. Cage	5 00
Mr. Rivers	1 00
Dr. Quintard	2 00
Mrs. Quintard	2 00
Clara E. Quintard	1 00
Mrs. Hill	1 00
Mrs. Wm. J. Polk	2 00
Rev. Wm. Fagg	5 00
Immanuel ch., La Grange	5 00
Mrs. M. E. Wells	2 00
D. I. Wells	2 00
Collection in St. Peter's ch., Columbia, on 6th of May, 1855	30 00
	$136 00

D. I. WELLS, *Treasurer pro tem.*

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PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

Rev. CHARLES TOMES, *Rector.*

Baptisms, Infants,		19
Adults,		8
Confirmations,		14
Communicants—Died,		2
Removed,		8
Suspended,		1
Added,		25
Present number,		166
Marriages,		5
Burials,		17
Sunday School—Teachers,		7
Children,		50
Contributed at the Weekly Offertory,	$714 20	
Being an average per week of	17	
Appropriated as follows:—Support of Episcopate,		362 66
The Poor,		26 50
Con. ex. of Convention,		66 39
Diocesan Miss.: Rev. Mr. Gay,		34 50
Sunday School Union per Books.		20 50
Church in Alabama,		10 00
Episcopate Fund,		5 00
Pension Fund,		5 00
Church expenses,		183 65

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH. FRANKLIN.

Rev. M. S. ROYCE, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants,	12
Adults,	2—14
Confirmations,	7

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Communicants—Removed,			8
Added,			8
Present number,			20—20
Marriage,			1
Burial,			1
Contributions—Offertory,	$33 60		
Support of Episcopate,	25 00		
Contingent Fund,	5 00		
Repairing Church,	100 00		

It will be seen from the above figures, that this Parish which has suffered so much from removals in former years, has from the same cause lost as many as were added to our list of communicants during the past year. Since October our congregations have been very small.

IMMAUNEL CHURCH, LAGRANGE.

Rev. William Fagg, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants,			4
Confirmations,			2
Marriages,			4
Communicants—Died,			2
Removed,			2
Added,			2
Present number,			27
Sunday School—Teachers,			6
Scholars,			30
Collections—For the Episcopate,	$25 00		
Contingent expenses,	5 00		
Diocesan Missions,	16 00		
Church expenses about	45 00		

The Ladies of this congregation have collected, during the year, about $180 00; part of which has been expended in paying off an old church debt; and the remainder in enclosing the church lot with a very neat and substantial fence. In January last I again took charge of St. Andrew's church, Mississippi. Half my time is devoted to each congregation.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

Rev. C. T. Quintard, M. D., (Deacon,) *Minister.*

Baptisms—(Colored Infants)			4
Communicants—Former number,			26
Died,			1
Present number,			25
Sunday School—Teachers,			8
Children,			50
Contributed for support of Episcopate	$23 60		

Services are held at St. Paul's once a month.

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RAVENSCROFT CHAPEL.

REV. C. T. QUINTARD, M. D., *Minister.*

Number of Communicants,		26
Baptisms—Adults,		2
Infants, colored 1—white 1,		2
Confirmations—Colored 3—white 2,		5
Sunday School—Teachers.		6
Children,		30
Contributed for Missionary purposes in the Diocese,	$40 00	

Mr. Jas. J. Alston proposes to erect a new edifice during the present year. The designs by Dudley & Condit, of New York, have just been received.

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

D. C. PAGE, D. D., *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants,		21
Adult,		1
Confirmations since July last,		6
Communicants,		160
Families,		112
Marriages—White,		6
Colored,		1
Burials,		13
Contributions—At the Offertory from Easter 1854, to Easter 1855,	$1003 40	
Female Missionary and Education Society,	250 00	
Contributions to Domestic Missions,	127 00	
To Rev. Mr. Gay's Mission,	200 00	
Collection at a meeting in aid of candidates for the ministry,	22 50	
Contributions to the Episcopate,	337 30	
Contributions to the Episcopal fund, on Easter Sunday, '55,	25 00	
Sunday School—Scholars,		70
Teachers, Male,		3
Female		6

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSPORT.

REV. CHARLES F. COLLINS, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infant,	1
Adults,	5—6
Confirmations,	7
Marriages—Colored,	2
Burials,	2

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Communicants—Former number,			12
Removed,			1
Added,			4
Present number,			15
Contributions—Holy Communion,	$15 00		
Episcopate,	20 00		
Contingent Fund,	5 00		
Expended on Church Building,	150 00		

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE,

Rev. Thomas W. Humes, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults,			2
Infants			10—12
Confirmations,			5
Communicants—Former number,			57
Added,			12
Removed,			2
Deceased,			2
Present number,			65
Marriages,			4
Burials,			13
Sunday School—Scholars from			40 to 50
Church Offerings—Diocesan Missions (coll. at Con.)	$32 73		
Domestic Missions,	30 00		
Foreign Missions,	35 00		
Knox co. Bible Society,	35 00		
Pension Fund,	12 40		
Prayer Books (B'p. White's Soc., &c.)	9 15		
Books, &c., for Sunday School,	11 37		
The Poor,	8 50		
Current and incidental expenses,	54 45		
Episcopate Fund,	16 45		
	$245 05		
By Subscription Fund—Epis'pal Assessment,	$85 00		
Convention Fund,	10 00		
B'ps travelling exp'ns,	15 00		
Organist,	50 00		
	160 00		
	$405 05		

The Ladies' Missionary Society has contributed, besides the above, twenty-five dollars to Foreign Missions, and the same amount to Diocesan Missions. The Sunday School for the colored people is prospering.

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

Rev. DAVID PISE, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants,		7
Adults, (1 colored)		6—13
Confirmed,		9
Communicants—Added,		12
Died,		2
Removed,		2—52
Marriages,		2
Burials,		5
Weekly Offertory since Oct. 22, 1854,	$123 97	
Monthly " up to that date from Aug. 1,	22 45	
	$146 42	
Appropriated to Parochial expenses,	80 28	
Support of Episcopate for the current year,	20 25	
Pension Fund,	3 00	
Domestic Missions,	16 00	
Foreign "	9 00	
Rev. Mr. Gay's Mission,	4 30	
Episcopate Fund, Easter collection,	5 00	
Arrearages on Contingent Fund,	10 00	
There has also been raised in the Parish for arrearges of last year to the Assessment Fund for support of the Episcopate,	100 00	
For repairs on the Church and Vestry room,	30 00	

TRINITY CHURCH CLARKSVILLE.

Rev. JOS. JAS. RIDLEY, *Rector.*

	White.	Colored.	Total.
Baptisms—Infants,	22	3	25
Adults,	7	4	11
Total,	29	7	36
Sunday School—Pupils about 80—Teachers 10,			90
Confirmations,	18	2	20
Communicants—Number last year,	73	2	75
Added—First Com.,	20	2	22
" By removal,	8	0	8
Lost by Death,	1	0	1
" By removal,	4	0	4
Total now,	96	4	100
Marriages,	2	0	2
Burials,	5	0	5

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Contributions—Given by one lady, dioces miss.	$5 00	
Diocesan Missions (Mr. Gay's Mis.)	43 50	
Bishop's Assessment, &c.,	110 00	
Domestic Missions, - -	21 00	
Foreign Miss. S. S. Soc. ed. Africa	25 00	
Parochial objects, &c.,	692 65	
Total, - - - -		$897 15

The condition of the parish is healthful and prosperous; our Sunday School Teachers seem quite alive to their responsibilities. Our candidates for orders are prosecuting their studies successfully, and deserve my commendation. God's blessing has been with us; His adorable name be praised.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON

No Report from this Parish.

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE.

No Report from this Parish.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR.

Rev. Jas. G. Jacocks, *Rector.*

Baptisms, - - - - - - -		5
Confirmations, - - - - - -		2
Communicants—Added, 2, - - - - -		17
Assessment for Episcopate, - - -	$30 00	
Contingent, - - - - - -	10 00	

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MAURY COUNTY.

Rev. J. A. Harrison, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants, white 5,—colored 12, - - -		7
Burials, - - - - - - - -		5
Confirmations, - - - - - - -		3
Marriages—White 1, by Rt. Rev. Bp. Otey—Colored 3, -		4
Communicants—White, - - - - - -		11
Colored, say - - - - -		6
Contributions at Offertory, - - -	$31 20	
Appropriated thus—To Contingent expenses of the parish,	6 20	
Bishop's Assessment, - -	25 00	

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TRINITY CHURCH, TIPTON COUNTY.

Rev. J. A. Wheelock, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Whites—Adults,	1
Infants,	10
Blacks—Adults,	2
Infants,	22
Total,	35
Confirmations,	7
Burials,	4
Present number of Communicants,	42

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Rev. William M. Steel, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants,	2
Marriages,	4
Burials,	1
Communicants,	28
Removed,	4
Present number,	24
Sunday School Scholars, about	25
Teachers,	6

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, NASHVILLE.

From the Parochial Reports—The Wardens have copied the following statistics, and beg leave to report them to the Bishop of the Diocese:

Baptisms—Infants,	4
Adults,	1
Confirmations,	2
Communicants—Died,	1
Removed,	2
Added,	1
Present number,	23
Burials,	4
Sunday School—Teachers,	5
Children,	25

ST. PAUL'S, CHATTANOOGA.

Rev. J. Sandels, *Rector.*

The Rector of St. Paul's, Chattanooga, respectfully reports to the Bishop, that his congregation is in a flourishing condition.

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There have been two confirmations. Two have been added to the Communion. Two have left, so that our present number is the same as last year. There has been one baptism, (infant) and one funeral.

The Rev. Rob. Shepherd, (Deacon) Minister at Chilhowe, reports:—Has held service and preached sixteen times. Baptized four infants.

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AMENDED CANONS.

CANON V.

SEC. 2. Every Minister of this Diocese shall, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, present or send to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number baptized and confirmed since the last annual Convention, the number of those who partake of the Lord's Supper, specifying the additions or removals that may have taken place; and the number of marriages and funerals: he shall also report the number of pupils and teachers connected with Sunday-school instruction in the parish, and the amount of the "Offerings of the Church;" stating the objects to which such offerings are appropriated, and what has been done in compliance with the requisitions of the Convention. (He shall also report the name of the Treasurer of the Vestry or congregation with which he may be connected as Rector or as officiating Minister.)

The parochial report may also present concisely any other matters of fact which show the state of the parish.

CANON VIII.—*Parochial Assessments.*

SEC. 1. At each annual Convention, assessments shall be laid upon the several Parishes to provide for the support of the Episcopate for the ensuing year; and to meet the contingent expenses of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese to collect by draft upon the Treasurer of each Parish, or otherwise, the amount of its assessment in four quarterly instalments, viz: on the 1st of August, 1st of November, 1st of February, and 1st of May.

SEC. 3. In order to secure the punctual payment of these assessments, it shall be the duty of the Minister of each Parish—or in case the Parish be destitute of a Minister, the Senior Warden—to make provision by collections or otherwise, at least one week previous to the time each quarterly payment falls due, for meeting the drafts or calls of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall regularly charge the said assessments on his books against each vestry, crediting the same with payments when made; and shall report annually to the Convention the state of his accounts with each parish, which report shall be entered on the Journals of the Convention.

CANON XI.—*Of the Pension Fund.*

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of every clergyman having charge of a parish in this Diocese, and of the Wardens where there is no Clergymen, to make a collection, annually, at Christmas, (or in some other mode, annually to obtain contributions,) for creating a permanent fund in aid of aged and infirm clergymen, together with the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen.

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CANON XIV.

"It shall be the duty of every Parish in this Diocese to make a collection on Easter-day of each year, or in some other way annually to contribute towards erecting a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate.

The Convention shall appoint three Laymen to act as trustees of the Episcopate fund, to whose hands the fund thus collected, shall be entrusted, with any other monies or property which may be given by bequest or otherwise, for this purpose.

The trustees of this fund shall safely invest the same for accumulation until it shall reach the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, when the interest of the same, or income therefrom, shall be applied to the annual support of the Episcopate."

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LIST OF OFFICERS, &C.

The Rt. Rev. JAMES H. OTEY, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese.
Residence, Memphis.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Charles Tomes, *President and Secretary, Nashville.*
" David Pise, F. B. Fogg,
" J. J. Ridley, J. Shelby, M. D.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., S. Oldham, M. D.
" Charles Tomes, F. B. Fogg,
" David Pise, Wm. B. Reese, L. L. D.,
" John A. Harrison, Lucius J. Polk.

TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPATE FUND.

Matthew Watson, F. B. Fogg,
James B. Craighead.

TRUSTEES OF PENSION FUND.

The Right Rev. the Bishop, *ex officio,*
Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., F. B. Fogg,
" David Pise, J. Shelby, M. D.

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Right Rev. the Bishop, *ex officio,*
Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., A. O. Harris,
" William Fagg, John F. Jett.

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., F. B. Fogg,
" Charles Tomes.

TREASURER OF CONVENTION.

A. O. Harris, *Memphis.*

SECRETARY OF CONVENTION.

David Pise, *Columbia.*

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IN THE

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LIST OF CLERGYMEN CANONICALLY RESIDENT IN TENNESSEE—1856.

1. Rt. Rev. JAMES H. OTEY, D. D., DIOCESAN, MEMPHIS.
2. The Rev. CHARLES F. COLLINS,
Rector of St. Mark's church, Williamsport.
3. " WM. FAGG,
Rector of Emmanuel church, La Grange.
4. " JOHN L. GAY,
Rector of Grace church, Loudon.
5. " WILLIAM D. HARLOW,
Rector of the church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville.
6 " JOHN A. HARRISON,
Rector of St. Luke's church, Jackson.
7. " THOMAS W. HUMES,
Rector of St. John's church, Knoxville.
*8. " J. W. MCCOLLOUGH, D. D.
*9. " D. C. PAGE, D. D.
10. " D. PISE,
Rector of St. Peter's church, Columbia.
11. " CHAS. T. QUINTARD, M. D.,
Rector of St. Paul's church, Randolph.
12. " J. J. RIDLEY, M. D.,
Rector of Trinity church, Clarksville.
13. " M. S. ROYCE,
Rector of St. Paul's church, Franklin.
14. " JOHN SANDELS,
Rector of St. Paul's church, Chattanooga.
15. " ROBERT SHEPHERD,
Missionary to Louisville and Chilhower.
16. " WM. M. STEEL,
Rector of St. James' church, Greenville.
17. " CHARLES TOMES,
Rector of Christ church, Nashville.
*18. " T. F. WARDWELL,
In temporary charge of Calvary church, Memphis.
19. " J. A. WHEELOCK,
Rector of Trinity church, Tipton.
*20. " F. G. SMITH,
(Suspended,) Columbia.

*Not entitled to seats in Convention.

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LIST OF PARISHES.

CHRIST CHURCH,	*Nashville.*
ST. PAUL'S "	*Franklin.*
IMMANUEL "	*La Grange.*
ST. PAUL'S "	*Randolph.*
CALVARY "	*Memphis.*
ST. MARK'S "	*Williamsport.*
ST. JOHN'S "	*Knoxville.*
ST. PETER'S "	*Columbia.*
TRINITY "	*Clarksville.*
ST. LUKE'S "	*Jackson.*
ZION "	*Brownsville.*
ST. JAMES' "	*Bolivar.*
ST. JOHN'S "	*Maury County.*
TRINITY "	*Tipton County.*
ST. JAMES' "	*Greenville.*
CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,	*Nashville.*
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,	*Chattanooga.*

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TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST. 1856.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Tennessee, assembled in Trinity Church, Clarksville, on Wednesday, the 21st day of May, A. D. 1856, according to appointment.

After Morning Prayer and the Administration of the Holy Communion, the Rt. Rev. JAMES H. OTEY, D. D., the Bishop of the Diocese, and *ex officio* President of the Convention, caused to be read a list of clergymen belonging to the Diocese and entitled to seats; of whom were present:

The Rev. Chs. F. Collins, *Rector of St. Mark's Ch. Wms'port.*
" " J. L. Gay, *Missionarg at Loudon and parts adjacent.*
" " Wm. D. Harlow, *Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville.*
" " Thos. W. Humes, *Rector of St. John's Ch. Knoxville.*
" " David Pise, *Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.*
" " J. J. Ridley, M. D., *Rector of Trinity Ch. Clarksville.*
" " W. M. Steel, *Rector of St. James' Ch. Greenville.*

The certificates of Lay Delegates were then laid on the Secretary's table, and referred to the Rev. Messrs. Humes and Gay, who reported the following as duly elected, viz:

Zion Church, Brownsville, Dr. S. OLDHAM.
Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville, THOMAS MANEY,
GEO. BRANDON,
THOS. B. EASTLAND.

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St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	Dr. W. J. Polk,
	W. H. Hardin,
	John Baird.
Calvary Church, Memphis,	A. O. Harris,
	William Armour,
	J. F. Jett.
St. John's Church, Knoxville,	H. A. M. White,
	John H. Crozier,
	A. K Moore.
St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga,	Wm. Mowbray.

The list being called, the following named gentlemen appeared and took their seats:

Dr. S. Oldham,	J. F. Jett,
W. H. Hardin,	William Mowbray.

The President then declared the Convention duly organized.

On motion, the Canon requiring elections to be made by ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. David Pise was elected Secretary.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order of the last Convention be adopted for the government of the present Convention, as follows, viz:—

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the business of the House, unless he have leave or be unable to attend.

4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without permission from the President.

6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the House, unless on a motion for reconsideration made by one of the majority.

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7. No motion shall be considered as before the House, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing, when required.

8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately and without debate.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Clergymen belonging to this Diocese, but not entitled to seats in this Convention, Clergymen belonging to other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, MAY 22d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled in Trinity Church, the Bishop in the chair. After prayers by the President, the roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's Session were read and approved.

The Rev. Messrs. Fagg and Tomes, and Mr. A. O. Harris appeared and took their seats. Certificates of Lay-delegates from Christ Church, Nashville, and Trinity Church, Clarksville, were laid on the Secretary's table, and referred to the committee, who reported the following as duly elected:

Christ Church, Nashville,	F. B. Fogg,
	James Diggons,
	H. M. R. Fogg.
Trinity Church, Clarksville,	W. R. Bringhurst,
	H. H. Poston,
	W. J. Castner.

On the list being called, James Diggons and H. M. R. Fogg answered to their names and took their seats.

On motion, the ballot being dispensed with, A. O. Harris was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address.

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ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:—

The following statement will furnish an account of the official services which I have performed during the current Conventional year, and which the Canon requires me to lay before you.

Sunday, May 6, 1855.—Prayers were read and sermons were preached at three different times to-day in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, and *two* persons were confirmed.

Tuesday, May 8.—Preached in Christ Church, Nashville, at night.

Wednesday, May 9.—After prayers by Rev. Messrs. Tomes and Fagg in the same Church, I preached at night, and confirmed *four* persons. The same night, I left Nashville for Philadelphia to meet the Commission of Bishops on the Memorial of Rev. Dr. Muhlenburg and others, and arrived at my place of destination on the 19th of May, in the evening. On the way I preached for the Congregation of St. Paul's Church, Petersburg, Va.

The Commission of Bishops met on Monday the 21st of May and continued in Session till Thursday the 24th.

During my stay in Philadelphia I preached in St. Stephen's Church, and in St. Peter's.

On my way from Philadelphia I had the pleasure of being present at the meeting of the Maryland Convention in Baltimore, and of receiving a hearty welcome from the Bishop and his Clergy and people. Among them, I was rejoiced to meet many beloved friends, some of them former fellow laborers in the work of the ministry, and my spirit was refreshed by their cordial greetings and generous hospitality. I passed Sunday, June 3d, in Baltimore, and preached four times, assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion, and baptized an infant.

Pursuing my way towards Tennessee, I preached in St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, in the morning and evening of June 10th; at the Allegheny Springs, June 17th; and on Saturday and Sunday, the 23rd and 24th of

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June, I preached four times at Salem in Va., administered the Holy Communion and baptized an infant.

Tuesday, June 26.—I preached at Abingdon, Va., after prayers by Rev. Mr. Lee.

Friday, June 29.—Having reached Greenville, Tenn., the field of Rev. Mr. Steel's labors, who read prayers at night, I preached to a very respectable Congregation. I remained at this place till July 10th, availing myself of every opportunity to preach, and by private monitions and exhortations endeavored to awaken in the people a proper concern for the salvation of their souls. I fear that much labor was bestowed here, as at other places, to very little purpose.

Sunday, July 1.—Rev. Mr. Steel read morning prayer, and I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, after prayers by Mr. Steel, I preached to the negroes.

Monday, 2.—After prayers by Rev. Mr. Steel at night, I preached, and confirmed *two* persons.

Wednesday, 4.—I delivered an address to a large body of the citizens and to the pupils and teachers of some of the public schools, on the subject of Female Education.

Thursday, 5.—At night, Mr. Steel read prayers, and I preached.

Sunday, 8.—At 9 A. M., catechized the children; at 11 A. M., after prayers by Mr. Steel, I preached. The Congregation was large and attentive. At 3½ P. M., Mr. Steel read prayers and baptized a child, and the Rev. Mr. Lee from Abingdon, Va., preached to the negroes. At night, after prayers by Mr. Steel, I again preached, and confimed *three* persons.

Wednesday, 11.—Reached Knoxville by stage. Thursday and Friday I was occupied in examining John H. Rowling, Candidate for Deacon's Orders, and the Rev. Robert Shepherd for the Priesthood.

Saturday, 14.—Prayers were read in St. John's Church by Rev. Messrs. Humes and Steel, and I preached to a small Congregation.

Sunday, 15.—The Rev. Mr. Humes, Rector of the Parish, having been taken suddenly ill, was unable to officiate. The morning prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. Steel and Gay of Loudon, and I preached. The Ordination service was then proceeded with, Mr. Steel presenting the Candidates, and I admitted Mr. J. H. Rowling to Deacon's Orders, according to the provisions of Canon III, 1853; and the Rev. Robert Shepherd to

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the Priesthood. The Communion was administered as usual, of which a goodly number partook.

In the afternoon prayers were read by Rev. Messrs. Steel and Shepherd, when I preached and confirmed *five* persons.

Wednesday, July 18.—This morning in company with Rev. Mr. Rowling, left Knoxville, and after a ride of some five or six miles, stopped at Mr. Helm's, near a place called Cedar Grove, where an appointment had been made for me to preach. A small congregation met together in a school-house, of whom only one or two had ever been present at the Service of our Church. To preach a written discourse to such a Congregation would, in my judgment, have been waste-labor. I therefore addressed them, first of all, upon the obligation, duty and privilege of prayer, and explained, in as simple a manner as I could, the forms which we used in worship. The Rev. Messrs. Rowling and Shepherd then read prayers, and I discoursed to the people upon the interest they had in the Salvation wrought for man by Christ Jesus our Saviour. What effect this manner of proceeding had upon the minds of those present, I have had no means of ascertaining. Our hearers were serious and attentive, and I had the satisfaction of leaving them, with the conviction resting on my own mind, that they comprehended what was spoken to them, and have good hope that the seed then sown will produce fruit "after many days," unto life everlasting, through the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Thursday, July 19.—Arrived at Louisville, a small town on the Tennessee river; and here the same order of worship and of preaching the word was observed as at Cedar Grove on yesterday. After a preliminary and explanatory address by myself, the Rev. Mr. Shepherd read prayers, and I preached. A very gratifying interest was manifested by many present in the earnest desire expressed by them, to have the word spoken to them again, and in the readiness exhibited by some, to contribute of their worldly substance a portion, to aid in the erection of a place of worship. This object the Rev. Mr. Shepherd has been prosecuting with earnestness and zeal for some months past, by soliciting contributions, and I trust that his report will encourage us to hope that his "labor has not been in vain."

Leaving Louisville after dinner, we proceeded to Maryville. An appointment had been made for me at that place, long and well known as the seat of a Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary. Proceeding to the C. H., we found a large upper room filled with people. We

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endeavored to distribute some Prayer Books among the congregation for present use. None seemed disposed to take them. The Rev. Mr. Shepherd read prayers; no responses were heard save from our own company of two or three persons, who had come with us. We called upon the congregation to unite with us in praise by singing a Psalm. Again we were disappointed; only a tongue here and there, in the large assembly, was loosed to "praise Him, to whom all praise is due." The people had evidently been drawn together by curiosity to witness something novel or to hear preaching. They had not come to worship. And this, alas! is the prevailing characteristic of our population throughout the length and breadth of the land. On this occasion, we preached with all the earnestness we could command, from feeling the weight of responsibility resting on us as ministers of Christ, and from a realizing sense of the value of the souls before us. But we felt all the while, also, that we were as "the voice of one crying in the wilderness," to whom no heed or attention would be given.

Friday, 20.—Arriving at Montvale Springs, a delightful summer resort, about 9 A. M., we learned that our coming had been anticipated by an appointment for preaching. The Rev. Mr. Shepherd read prayers in the dining hall of a large hotel, and I preached to a respectable and attentive congregation. A considerable number joined in the responsive parts of the service.

Saturday, 21.—The whole of this day has been occupied in traveling from Montvale to Chilhowee, the residence of Mr. James, father-in-law of Rev. Mr. Shepherd. I arrived about sun-down, worn down by fatigue and anxiety. The journey had been rendered doubly unpleasant by the roughness of the roads, by mistaking the way, and by the interruption of thunder storms, forcing us to seek shelter wherever we could find it.

Sunday, 22.—There being no house of worship near at hand, which we could occupy, our services to day were held in a large upper room of the factory belonging to Mr. James. At an early hour of the day, people began to assemble from all the surrounding country. The lowlands bordering on the Tennessee, as it meanders through this picturesque region, and the coves of the mountains poured forth their contributions of men, women and children, who came on foot, on horseback, and by wagons, until the gathered multitude could, with difficulty, be accommodated in the place prepared for their reception. It seemed scarcely credible that so large a number of people could be drawn together for worship in a

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country so recently divested of nature's rude attire. Whether drawn by curiosity or by some better motive, they came in crowds, and through a space of five or six hours, during which our services lasted, they were serious, attentive and decorous in their deportment. Our work was begun by an address explanatory of our worship by prescript forms, followed by the morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Shepherd, the receiving of his child into the Church, and a sermon by myself. In the afternoon prayers were read by Mr. S., and I again preached. Thus closed the first visitation I ever made to this remote and secluded neighborhood; and although none were gathered into the Church by a public profession of the faith of Christ and administration of the Sacraments, yet may we trust from the apparent seriousness and interest manifested by our hearers, that by God's blessing, fruit may spring up from these labors, and our hearts be made glad by the comfortable assurance that we have "not run nor labored in vain."

Monday, 23.—Left Chilhowee in company with Rev. Mr. Shepherd for the Mouth of Tellico, the residence of Col. Niles. After getting thoroughly drenched by the rain on the way, we arrived a little while before sun-down. Here we remained until Friday. It was our expectation to have held service at the Church erected here, under the superintendence of Rev. Mr. Gay; but several causes prevented. Notice had not been circulated through the neighborhood that any services were contemplated, and the Church was in an unfinished state. In addition to these things operating as hinderances to our holding service, we may remark that it rained every day while we stayed at the Mouth of Tellico. Col. Niles and his wife express a very earnest desire to have the benefit of a Clergyman's services for themselves, children and dependants, and to that end are willing to pledge a liberal amount for his support. To an unmarried zealous Clergyman, it appears to me, that the situation offers many and great attractions; but as yet I have found no one willing to assume the responsibility of such a charge. In the meanwhile all the interests of the Church are suffering for the want of an active and efficient Clergyman, and without such assistance must soon be involved in hopeless ruin. Such has been the sad fate of many neighborhoods in this Diocese, since I entered it nearly thirty-one years ago.

Saturday, 28.—The Rev. Mr. Shepherd read morning prayer in Grace Church, Loudon, and I preached. The same duty was discharged by me at night, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Gay.

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Sunday, 29.—This was the day fixed upon by previous appointment, and notice given thereof, for the consecration of Grace Church, Loudon. Of the Clergy, the Rev. Messrs. Humes of Knoxville, Shepherd of Chilhowee, and Gay of Loudon, were present; and early in the morning a large congregation assembled, filling the house to its utmost capacity, while nearly as many stood around the doors and under the shade of the trees surrounding the Church. The neighboring towns of Philadelphia, Sweet-water and Athens, sent in their quotas of living freight by the Rail-road, so that the congregation was great. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Humes and Shepherd, after the usual forms of consecrating the Edifice to the worship of Almighty God according to the order of the Prot. Ep. Church. The deed of endowment and letter of consecration were read by the Rev. Mr. Gay, and the sermon was preached by myself. Thus has another building been set aside for the sacred purposes of divine worship in our midst, for the reading of God's Holy Word, and for all other holy offices of religion, and a work happily consummated, for which our worthy Missionary has labored diligently through long years of self-denial, unremitting toil and faithful prayer. I am sure that I do but give expression to the feelings of your hearts in saying, "We wish him good luck in the name of the Lord." In the afternoon, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Shepherd and sermon by Rev. Mr. Humes, I confirmed *three* persons.

Tuesday, 31.—Leaving Loudon with Rev. Mr. Gay in the morning, I arrived at Athens to breakfast. At 11 A. M. read prayers and preached in the Methodist Church. Rev. Mr. Gay performed the like services at night in the same place.

Wednesday, August 1.—At 11 A. M., I again preached, after prayers by Mr. Gay. The balance of this day and the following, were spent in the country. They were the days set apart by public authority for the the election of Governor and other officers, pending which, the people were too much excited to attend to the concerns of religion, and therefore we attempted no public services.

Friday, 3.—Prayers were read by Mr. Gay, and I preached to a small congregation.

Saturday, 4.—The same services performed to-day: weather exceedingly warm.

Sunday, 5.—At 10½ A. M., Rev. Mr. Gay read prayers, and baptized an adult in the Baptist Church, after which I preached. In the afternoon I again preached after prayers, and confirmed *one* person.

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Monday, 6.—Left Athens this morning for Chattanooga, at which place I arrived, very unwell, between 4 and 5 P. M.

Tuesday, 7.—Although suffering very much all day from sickness, and the effect of medicine, I felt very unwilling to fail in the appointments made for preaching. So at night, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Sandels in the Presbyterian Church, I preached to a small congregation. The inclemency of the weather prevented a large attendance.

Wednesday, 8.—The constant and copious rain hindered our going to Church till night, when Mr. S. read prayers and I preached. Performed like service the next day.

Friday, 10.—At night the attendance was so thin, in the Presbyterian Church, that I dismissed the few present with a hymn and prayers.

Sunday, 12.—At 10 A. M., Rev. Mr. S. read prayers in the Presbyterian Church, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At 5 P. M. in the same Church, I preached after prayers by Mr. S., and confirmed *six* persons. At 7½ P. M. united a couple in Matrimony, and at night baptized *two* children.

Sunday, 19.—At 10½ A. M. Rev. Mr. Tomes read prayers in Christ Church, Nashville, assisted by Rev. H. T. Lee, and I preached. At night Mr. L. read prayers and I preached.

Sunday, 26.—Read prayers and preached morning and afternoon in the same Church.

Saturday, Sept., 1.—Read prayers in Christ Church and baptized an adult and a child.

Sunday, 2.—Read morning prayer, preached and administered the Holy Communion in the same Church. In the afternoon read prayers, baptized an infant, preached, and confirmed *two* persons.

Thursday, 8.—In St. Paul's Church, Franklin, read evening prayer and the Rev. Mr. Pise preached.

Friday, 7.—Preached in St. Paul's Church at night, prayers by Messrs. Pise and Royce.

Saturday, 8.—The Rev. Mr. Royce read morning prayer, I baptized an infant and preached. At night I again preached, Mr. R. reading prayers.

Sunday, 9.—Morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Royce; I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At night Mr. R. having read prayers, I preached and confirmed *three* persons.

This congregation appears to be steadily improving under the faithful and persevering labors of Rev. Mr. Royce, who has hitherto pursued his

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work here in the midst of manifold discouragements. Within a few days after the conclusion of the above recited services, the minister's heart was grieved and the parish sustained a severe loss, by the sudden decease of Mrs. Mary Handy. She had been married but a few months, was almost idolized by her husband, and being the only daughter of a widowed mother, was looked to, as the chief support and comfort of her remaining years. It seemed good to an all-wise Providence to remove her unexpectedly, and in the midst of a thousand attractions to render life desirable.—But she left them all without a murmur, exhorted those nearest and dearest to her to be faithful in the use of their holy privileges, and in the confidence of a blessed immortality yielded up her spirit to Him who had redeemed it, without a sigh or word of regret for the world she left behind. "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord!"

Thursday, 13.—At Ashwood baptized in private a sick child.

Saturday, 15.—At 11 A. M. in St. John's Church, Ashwood, read morning prayer and preached. This Parish has been without a Rector since the resignation of Rev. Mr. Harrison in June last. It is earnestly hoped that the Vestry will take measures to supply his place, at the earliest day practicable.

Sunday, 16.—At St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, the Rev. Mr. Collins read morning prayer and I preached. The like services were performed at night in the same Church.

Monday, 17.—The Rev. Mr. Collins read morning prayer and baptized two children; after which I preached. At night after prayers by Mr. Collins and the baptism of two adults, I preached and confirmed *four* persons.

Tuesday, 18.—I again preached after morning prayer by Mr. Collins, and so concluded the visitation of this Parish. The congregations at all these services were respectable in numbers, and on Sunday large. To his parochial duties Mr. Collins adds the labors of a school, and though his Parish be an obscure and humble one, I doubt not that in the affection of his flock he finds a gratifying reward for his toils and efforts to promote their spiritual welfare, and that the record of his fidelity is made on high.

Wednesday, 19.—In St. Peter's Church, Columbia, the Rev. Mr. Pise read prayers at night and I preached.

Friday, 21.—Preached morning and at night after prayers by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Pise; and also at the same hours on the day following.

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Sunday, 23.—Preached to large congregations in the forenoon and at night after prayers by the Rector. This Parish seems to be regaining some strength, after its many misfortunes, under the faithful exertions and discreet deportment of its present Rector.

It is also a circumstance of high gratification to report, that the Columbia Female Institute is gradually regaining the public confidence which had been so terribly shaken by the disasters of 1852, and that its patronage is increasing. But it is still more gratifying to know that the work of education in this school is now being conducted in a way to prepare the pupils more thoroughly in heart and mind for the faithful discharge of the duties of life and the responsibilities of our entire being, than at any former period of its history. It is again commended to the confidence and support, not only of the Members of the Church, but of all those who are seeking for their daughters a careful and thorough education.

Wednesday, 26.—Having reached Clarksville by the River on yesterday, I preached in Trinity Church at night, after prayers by the Rev. J. J. Ridley.

Thursday, 27.—Attended prayers in Trinity Church, after which the Rector baptized an adult by immersion. At night he read prayers and I preached. The congregation was very large.

Friday, 28.—Attended prayers in Church at sun-rise as on yesterday and every day during the visitation, for the purpose of affording an opportunity for enquiry and instruction on the subject of religion. At 10½ A. M. after prayers I preached. At night the Rector read prayers and baptized four persons, after which I preached.

Saturday, 29.—In the forenoon prayers by the Rector, sermon by myself. At night prayers were read by the Rector; I preached and confirmed *thirteen* persons and delivered an address.

Sunday, 30.—Morning prayer was read by the Rector at sun-rise:—at 10½ A. M. he read the Litany, and I the ante-Communion, and preached. The Lord's Supper was also administered to a large number. At 3 P. M. I baptized an adult and infant, and at night after prayers by the Rector, I closed the visitation by a sermon to the young.

Sunday, Oct., 7.—In St. Paul's Church, Randolph, morning prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Harrison assisted by Dr. Quintard, minister of the Parish, after which I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At 3½ P. M. the Rev. Dr. Quintard read prayers, Mr. Harrison preached,

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and I confirmed *three* persons. At night in Ravenscroft Chapel, after prayers by Dr. Q. and sermon by Mr. Harrison, I confirmed *three* persons.

Monday, 8.—Rode to Randolph, and after morning prayer by Dr. Q. and the baptism of an adult, I preached. At 3½ P. M. the like services were performed by us.

Tuesday, 9.—The Rev. Messrs. Fagg and Wheelock having joined us, they read morning prayers in St. Paul's Church, I baptized two adults and an infant, and preached. In the afternoon prayers were read by the same brethren, when I baptized an adult and confirmed *five* persons.

Wednesday, 10.—At 11 A. M. prayers were again read by Rev. Messrs. Fagg and Wheelock, when I preached. The concluding services of the convocation were performed by the brethren already named. I was myself too unwell to take any further part in them.

Friday, 12.—In company with Rev. Dr. Quintard, I reached Memphis, and was sorry to learn that a fatal sickness was extensively prevalent. Among the victims to its ravages was the wife of our beloved Brother the Rev. Dr. Page, who, in the midst of domestic affliction, did what he could to relieve the public distress by attention to the sick and dying, and by discharging the last offices of humanity to the dead. Such services have endeared him to his already devoted flock, and will never be forgotten by them and a grateful community. It was my purpose on my arrival at Memphis to remain there, and share with him these necessary and pious labors. But the state of my own health, in the opinion of my medical friends, forbade my remaining; and leaving to Dr. Quintard, the performance of the sad duties which were about to devolve upon me, and which he readily undertook, I left the city the following morning, and rejoined my family at La Grange. I returned to the city of Memphis on the 29th of October. During the interval of my absence, I preached once in Immanuel Church, La Grange, and administered the Holy Communion, and read prayers and preached twice in St. Andrew's Church, Miss.

Sunday, Nov. 4.—In Calvary Church, Memphis, after prayers by Rev. Dr. Page in the morning, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon baptized a child in private.

From this time onward I have generally officiated every Sunday morning by preaching in Cavalry Church, except when occasionally called

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away upon official duty to some of the neighboring congregations, as in the following instances:

Sunday, 11.—At Covington in the morning baptized two children in private, and at 11 o'clock preached after prayers by Rev. Dr. Quintard. The congregation was very large. At night Rev. Mr. Wheelock read prayers, when I again preached to an equally numerous congregation.

Monday, 12.—Preached in the forenoon and at night after prayers by Rev. Mr. Wheelock. On this last occasion I confirmed *three* persons.

Tuesday, 13.—Dr. Quintard read morning prayers and preached; at night prayers by Dr. Quintard, and sermon by myself.

A very gratifying interest upon the subject of salvation seems to have been awakened in the minds of many persons in and about Covington and Randolph. We believe it to be referrable chiefly to the blessing of God upon the faithful and laborious efforts of the Rev. Dr. Quintard during the past year. In the discharge of his duties he appears to have been "instant in season and out of season," has visited from house to house, and we trust has been instrumental, through the help of divine grace, in awakening many souls from the lethargy of spiritual indifference, to a serious sense of their responsibilities in having access to the means of salvation—to the help and hope of the Gospel.

Friday, 16.—Went to Trinity Church, Tipton County, in the morning. The weather was lowering and threatened rain; a few persons only were present, to whom I preached after reading morning prayer.

Saturday, 17.—Read morning prayer and Dr. Q. preached. After a recess of one or two hours, the congregation having partaken of refreshments which they had brought with them and spread in the grove adjoining the Church, again assembled for prayers read by Dr. Q. and I preached.

Sunday, 18.—After morning prayer by Dr. Q. in Trinity Church, I preached and confirmed *three* persons. After recess and refreshments as on yesterday, Dr. Q. read prayers and I preached to the negroes, of whom a large number were in attendance, orderly and devout in their deportment.

Monday, 19.—Left the neighborhood of Trinity Church, and arrived in the afternoon at Somerville. We have in this beautiful and flourishing town and its neighborhood several members and communicants of the Church, and materials from which might be gathered a very respectable congregation. The communicants are females, and of course can make

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no direct efforts towards the organization of a congregation, although earnestly desirous of enjoying the privileges of the Church. I have urged our friends among the gentlemen of the place, but heretofore without effect, to rent a room for holding service, with a view to procuring the aid of a missionary. If a building or room could be secured for this purpose, not only could we supply stated services at Somerville, but there is little doubt that we could in a year's time organize a congregation highly respectable for numbers and intelligence. But until this is done, such attention and labors as we are enabled occasionally to bestow on the place, can add but very little to the strength of our cause. At night I read prayers in the Presbyterian Church, Dr. Q. preached.

Tuesday, Nov. 20th.—Baptized in private an infant. Having learned that a negro man was to be executed in the town to-day, for the crime of murder, I went to the prison to converse with him. I found him to be an intelligent man, humble, docile and penitent. I examined touching his contrition for his past ungodly life, and especially the crime for which he was in a few hours to die. He professed to be truly and deeply penitent, and as far as I could judge, I think he was sincerely so. I then instructed him that if he really believed, with all his heart, that Christ Jesus died for sinners, and if he would put his only and whole trust in God's mercy through Jesus as Redeemer and Intercessor, he might yet find pardon and acceptance. With every appearance of unfeigned sincerity and earnest devotion in prayer, he appeared to do this. I then learned from him for the first time, that he had not been baptized, and was desirous of being so. I then, in the presence of several gentlemen who had come in, and among them the Jailor, the Sheriff of the County and his assistants, the hour of execution having drawn nigh, examined him, and called upon them to witness his declarations respecting his repentance and faith—his charity in giving and asking forgiveness for all offences. His answers in all things being satisfactory, I baptized him, and commending him once more to God's great mercy in Christ, I left him to meet the terrible crisis to which unrestrained passion and guilt had brought him. I have been the more particular in this detail, because the instance in its circumstances is rare, in which we as ministers are thus called on to act, and it presents exigencies for which no provision is made in the ordinary offices of the Church. Perhaps no provision could be made to meet every case, and hence we are left to the adoption of such course as charity and discretion may suggest. And for this very reason and because my

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proceeding in this case may appear to have been irregular and unauthorized, I have felt the more desirous to make an explicit statement of all the facts. Having returned from the prison, I preached in the Presbyterian Church, after prayers by Dr. Q.

Friday, 30.—In St. James Church, Bolivar, I preached in the morning and at night, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Jacocks.

Saturday Dec. 1.—Performed the like services to-day, with the addition of the baptism of an adult in the morning, at the request of the Rector.

Saturday, 2.—In the forenoon, after prayers by Rev. Mr. J., I preached the funeral of the late Wm. Ferguson, who was lost on the Bulletin last spring. At 3 P. M. I preached the funeral of T. C. Coates, a member of our Communion, who died yesterday. At night after prayers by Mr. J. and sermon by myself, I confirmed *four* persons. On this occasion a collection was made for Domestic Missions, amounting to $30.70. During this visit to Bolivar I was sorry to learn that the pastoral relation between the Rev. Mr. Jacocks and the congregation of St. James' Church had been dissolved. The place of Rector has not yet been filled by the election and acceptance of a successor.

Tuesday, 9.—Confirmed a sick person in private, and at morning prayers in Calvary Church, baptized three infants.

Sunday, Jan. 6, 1856.—In Calvary Church, after morning prayers by Rev. Mr. Wardwell, I preached and admitted the Rev. Charles T. Quintard, M. D. Deacon, to the order of Priesthood. The Candidate was presented by Rev. Mr. Fagg who also assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, March 25.—Baptized in Calvary Church, after evening prayers by Rev. Mr. W., one adult and four children.

Sunday, 30th.—After prayers by Mr. W. I preached in the forenoon and confirmed *eleven* persons in Calvary Church.

Sunday, April 13.—In Trinity Church, Tipton County, the Rev. Mr. Wheelock read prayers in the morning, I preached and confirmed *three* persons. In the afternoon I read prayers and preached to the negroes. A large number of these people were present, and it was gratifying to observe the earnestness and devout attention with which they engaged in worship and listened to the preaching of the word. Mr. Wheelock devotes about one half of his time to instructing the negroes, and from the manifestations of interest with which they join in the service, as well as from the number of those who have come forward and professed their faith in Christ, we augur the most favorable results.

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Thursday, 17.—The Rev. Mr. Harrison read morning prayers, in St. James' Church, Bolivar, and I preached.

Friday, 18.—At 11 A. M. prayers by the Rev. Mr. Fagg, I baptized four children, preached and confirmed *two* persons.

Sunday, 20.—Three services were held to-day in St. Luke's Church, Jackson. In the morning, prayers by Rev. Messrs. Fagg and Harrison—I preached, and with the assistance of the Clergy present administered the Holy Communion. At 3 P. M. prayers by Rev. Mr. H. and sermon by myself. At night prayers by Rev. Mr. F., sermon by myself, and Confirmation of *thirteen* persons.

This parish appears to be in a healthy and prosperous condition.

The members of the Church live in peace and love, they "strive together with one mind for the Gospel," and by their regular attendance at Church and devotion in the Sanctuary, show that they highly value the privileges and the comforts of their religion. Neither have they been unmindful of the comforts of him who "ministers to them in spiritual things." With a forecast of prudence and liberality which is worthy of high commendation, they have provided for their Rector a comfortable dwelling with suitable grounds attached, and thus quieted all anxious thoughts in his breast respecting the maintenance of his family. I would most urgently recommend to each parish and congregation in the Diocese to do the same thing, as the most certain and ready means of securing the services of the ministry, and as the best mode to provide for its competent support. When a clergyman knows that there is a dwelling to shelter him and his family, he has the less hesitation in accepting a call to the charge of a congregation, knowing that his own industry will soon gather around him the comforts of a home and its associate feelings. In the present condition of the country and of most of our parishes, this is an object which might be very easily accomplished. A few acres of ground and the contribution of a few hundred dollars in materials or in labor for the erection of plain and comfortable dwellings, is all that is necessary for the purpose: a purpose which, when accomplished, tends mightily to strengthen the bonds of the pastoral relation, and prevent frequent removals of the clergy.

Monday, 21.—At Brownsville read prayers at night in Zion Church and preached to a small congregation. The notice of my coming, transmitted by mail, had not been received, and consequently a few only attended. The Church is not yet finished. Measures are now on foot to complete the work, which it is hoped will be successful, and a minister

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be invited to the charge of the Parish. The extension of the Railroad to Brownsville will probably enhance very greatly the value of its property, will speedily develop the resources of the surrounding country, and render the occupancy of the Church here a matter of great importance to us.

The day following I proceeded to Eylau, the residence of Dr. Oldham, which I reached in the midst of a heavy fall of rain.

Wednesday, 23.—In company with Dr. Oldham and his wife went to Durhamville, the residence of the late Mrs. Mary J. Lee. This venerable lady the daughter of a Clergyman of Va., under the colonial government, and afterwards when the State had become independent, died last year, and I was desirous of showing some respect to her memory and many virtues, by preaching a funeral sermon in reference to her death, in the midst of her grand children, her dependents and her neighbors. Owing to the irregularity of the mails the notice of my intention failed to reach her family and friends in time. Having learned that it was her expressed wish not to have any funeral sermon in reference to her, but to have the Burial Service only, I preached to a small congregation assembled at the Church near the village, without reference to the deceased, and afterwards proceeding to her grave read that portion of the Burial Service appointed to be read at the interment of the body, and so fulfilled, as nearly as I could, her expressed wishes. She was a woman of remarkable strength of mind, of extensive and varied information, of great energy and decision of character, combined with a most delicate sense of propriety, urbanity of manners and dignity of deportment. She was not at all pretentious in her piety, but many are the poor and the once suffering and helpless, who can testify that like one of the "holy women of old" of whom we read, "this woman was full of good works and alms-deeds which she did."

Thursday, 24.—Brought on my way by Dr. Oldham I came to Ripley. Here I read prayers in the Presbyterian Church, baptized an infant, preached and confirmed *one* person. This place presents a very encouraging field for the labors of an Episcopal Clergyman, if one of zeal and piety could be found to occupy it. The same day came to Covington, 17 miles distant, and at night read prayers and preached. Here I was pained to hear of the death of Dr. Hugh Rose, a highly respected physician, and for many years known as one of the oldest members and firmest supporters of the Church at Randolph. On Saturday the 26th I called on his

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deeply afflicted family and endeavored to comfort them by considerations drawn from the promises and gracious declarations of Holy Scripture.

Tuesday, 27.—Read prayers and preached in St. Paul's Church, Randolph.

Sunday, May 18.—Preached morning and afternoon in Trinity Church, Clarksville, prayers by the Rector.

Thus it will be seen that during the past Conventional year I have held Confirmation on twenty-four different occasions and confirmed 100 persons. This is a small number of additions to the Church considering the great amount of labor bestowed for a whole year to bring them about.—The Diocese embraces largely over a million of people, and to say nothing of the labors of the parochial clergy, the most efficient agency in adding to the Church, I have myself given far more time and labor to each parish or congregation within the last ten months than during any preceding year of my Episcopate. Still our united efforts have gathered into our visible fold only one hundred persons, a less number than is frequently found renewing their baptismal vows in a single congregation in some of our large cities at the annual visitation of the Bishop. The lesson or conclusion which I learn from this is not that our ministrations have been less faithful, earnest and constant than those of others, but that we have an exceedingly difficult and unpropitious field to cultivate. I have known for many years that an amount of prejudice, ignorance and prepossession prevailed in this Diocese respecting our Communion, unequalled as far as my observation and information go, in any other State in the Union. I am not singular in this opinion. Many who have labored amongst us and are now laboring as ministers in other Dioceses have given expression to the same sentiment. That our efforts during last year have been productive of so little fruit is doubtless attributable, in some measure, to other causes, and among these in part to the prosperous condition of the Laity in all secular pursuits. Strange and even paradoxical as it may appear, it is a truth established by all history and proven by all experience, that a very prosperous worldly condition and high attainments in the divine life very rarely consist together. Nothing is more obvious to a thoughtful and observant Clergyman than this; and yet nothing less considered by a mind blinded by worldly success. The fact as stated if received as true, imposes on us of the Clergy the greater weight of responsibility to expose to our fellow men this lurking danger, and warn them plainly and faithfully of the great peril in which they

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stand. That is a solemn warning which we all, in these times, may lay seriously to heart, which the Apostle gives in the words, "They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

The changes among the Clergy of the Diocese during the year past which I have to report are the following:

The Rev. James G. Jacocks has resigned the charge of St. James' Church, Bolivar, and been transferred to the Diocese of South Carolina.

The Rev. David C. Page, D. D., has resigned the Rectorship of Calvary Church, Memphis, and removed to Louisville, Ky.

The Rev. James W. Rogers has taken dimissory letters to the Bishop of Mississippi, and been received.

The Rev. John H. Rowling has at his own request and that of Bishop DeLancey, been transferred as Deacon to the Diocese of Western New York.

The Rev. T. F. Wardwell has been received into this Diocese, upon letters dimissory from the Bishop of Alabama, and since last November has had charge of Calvary Church, Memphis.

The Rev. W. D. Harlow has been received upon letters dimissory from the Bishop of Kentucky, and has charge of the Church of the Holy Trinity, at Nashville.

Of the Candidates for Orders reported to the last Convention, Mr. R. Shropshire after pursuing his studies at Nashotah in Wisconsin, was obliged by ill-health to return home, and is now understood to be engaged in a secular employment with the expectation of renewing his Theological Studies upon his restoration to better health.

W. C. Gray is studying yet with Rev. Dr. Ridley. John Moore under the direction of Rev. Charles Tomes. William Mowbray under the Rev. Mr. Sandels. Lacy Jones has been dropped from the list at his own request.

I deem it unnecessary to repeat the urgent representations made so frequently in times past to the Diocese through the Convention, upon the subject of Missions and the support of the Clergy. Inattention to these matters will presently bring about results which will make themselves

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felt in a way to do away all necessity for further admonition or warning.

Beseeching God the Holy Ghost to grant you "the Spirit of wisdom and understanding" to guide you in your present work,

I remain your friend,

and affectionate Pastor,

May 22, 1856. JAMES H. OTEY.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a Committee on the state of the Church be appointed, and to it be referred the Bishop's Address, and the Parochial Reports.—The Chair therefore appointed Rev. Messrs. Humes and Collins, and Mr. J. F. Jett.

The Rev. Mr. Tomes, in behalf of the Standing Committee, made the following

REPORT.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese respectfully Report to the Convention as follows:

In July 1855.—They recommended the Rev. Robert Shepherd for Priest's Orders. Also John H. Rowling for Deacon's Orders.

December 13, 1855.—They recommended the Rev. Chas. T. Quintard for Priest's Orders. CHARLES TOMES,

President and Secretary of the Standing Committee.

28th Convention of the Diocese, at Clarksville, 1856.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to prepare and report to this Convention, new Articles of Association, brought in a Report, which was received, and made the order of the day this afternoon.

The Convention then took a recess till 3 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

The Report of the Committee on the Articles of Association being the order of the day, was called up, and being amended, was adopted as follows:

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REPORT.

The Committee, appointed at the last Annual Convention to prepare a Form of Articles of Association for Congregations, respectfully report the following as the result of their deliberations, and recommend the passage of the Resolution by which it is preceded.

Resolved, That the Articles of Association recommended to be adopted by congregations to entitle them to union with this Convention, be in form as follows, or as near as circumstances will allow.

Articles of Association of ——— *Church,* ———

WHEREAS, The following named persons, residents in ——— and its vicinity in Tennessee, viz: ———, with others, have associated together for the purpose of forming and establishing a Christian Congregation, according to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee, they do hereby declare the following to be the articles and conditions of their association.

1. The title of this Congregation shall be, The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of ——— Church.

2. This Congregation acknowledges and accedes to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee.

3. The affairs of this Congregation shall be conducted by the Wardens and Vestrymen, with the Rector, *ex officio*, presiding at all meetings, when present.

4. The Rector of this Congregation shall be elected by the Wardens and Vestrymen, in open meeting, duly convened for that purpose.

5. All male persons of Twenty-one years of age, shall be entitled to serve as Vestrymen, and to vote in the election of the Vestry, who acknowledge the authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee, are regular attendants upon the Public Worship of the Church, and whose names are accordingly registered in a book kept for that purpose by the Vestry.

6. This Congregation, or any trustees in whose name the property of the Congregation shall be vested, shall not, by deed, or by any other means, without the consent of the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in whose Diocese this Congregation shall for the time canonically be, under his hand; or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, of the Standing Committee of said Diocese by a major number thereof under

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their hands, previously had and obtained—grant, alien, or otherwise dispose of, any lands, messuages, tenements, or hereditaments in them vested for the use and benefit of the said Congregation, nor charge, nor encumber the same to any person whomsoever.

7. In case of the dissolution of this Congregation for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estate, real or personal, shall vest in the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in whose Diocese this Congregation may at the time be, and his canonical successors—to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of a future Congregation of members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which may be formed in the same vicinity, and upon the same principles as this Congregation.

Your Committee further beg leave to recommend for adoption the following Resolution:

Resolved, That it be, and is hereby recommended to each existing Congregation in the Diocese, to adopt as a rule to govern them in the election of Vestrymen, the fifth article in the form of Articles of Association herewith submitted, to-wit:

"All male persons of Twenty-one years of age, shall be entitled to serve as Vestrymen, and to vote in the election of the Vestry, who acknowledge the authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee, are regular attendants upon the Public Worship of the Church, and whose names are accordingly registered in a book kept for that purpose by the Vestry.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES TOMES,
F. B. FOGG,
R. HOUSTON.

On motion, the Committee on Assessment was appointed, consisting of

Rev.	Wm. Fagg,	Messrs.	James Diggons,
"	C. F. Collins,	"	A. O. Harris,
"	Thos. W. Humes,	"	W. H. Hardin,
"	W. M. Steel,	"	H. H. Poston,
"	W. D. Harlow.	"	S. Oldham,
		"	W. Mowbray.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, MAY 23D, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention assembled in Trinity Church, the Bishop in the Chair. After prayers by the President, the roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday's Session were read and approved.

The following Resolutions were then read, and notice given according to Canon XV. §.1., of a proposal to alter Canon XI, as proposed in the third of said Resolutions:

Resolved, That the Fund created under Canon XII, known as the Pension Fund, be and is hereby discontinued; and that the same be merged into the General Fund instituted at the last General Convention for the same purpose.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Pension Fund be and are hereby instructed to remit to the Treasurer of the General Fund, as soon as practicable after the next General Convention, whatever monies they may have in trust for said Pension Fund.

Resolved, That Canon XI, be and is hereby repealed, and that, instead thereof, the following shall be adopted:

It shall be the duty of every Clergyman having charge of a Parish in this Diocese, and of the Wardens, when there is no Clergyman, to make a collection, annually, at Christmas, or in some other mode annually to obtain contributions, in aid of the Fund instituted by the General Convention, for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, and of aged, infirm, and disabled Clergymen.

Motion made to lay them on the table being lost, they were, by order of the House referred to a Committee, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Chair appointed as that Committee, Rev. Messrs. Harlow and Fagg and Mr. Harris.

The Secretary read a communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of 1853, which was ordered to be appended to the Journal, together with the proposed amendments to which it refers. (*Vide Appendix A.*)

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The Rev. Mr. Humes offered a Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, as follows:

Resolved, That wherever the words *annual* and *annually* occur in the Constitution, the words *biennial* and *biennially* shall be substituted.

After much discussion upon the Resolution, the appointed, hour for Divine Service having arrived, the Convention took a recess, to meet after Service.

FRIDAY, 12 O'CLOCK, M.

The Convention reassembled.

The Resolution pending when the Convention took a recess was again called up, and after further discussion laid on the table.

The Convention went into election for the Standing Committee, and the following persons were chosen:

Rev. Charles Tomes,	F. B. Fogg,
" David Pise,	John Shelby.
" J. J. Ridley,	

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following elections were made:

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Rev. William Fagg,	A. O. Harris,
" C. T. Quintard,	John F. Jett.

TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPATE FUND.

Mathew Watson, F. B. Fogg.
James B. Craighead.

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Charles Tomes,	F. B. Fogg.
" J. J. Ridley,	

The motion to dispense with the ballot in the election of Delegates to the General Convention being opposed, the

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Convention proceeded to vote for those officers, which resulted as follows: on the first ballot, were elected

The Rev. Charles Tomes,	F. B. Fogg,
" " David Pise,	Samuel Oldham,
	J. O. Shackelford,
	J. F. Jett.

On the third ballot, were elected

Rev. Thomas W. Humes,	Rev. J. L. Gay.

To give the various Committees an opportunity to meet and prepare their Reports, the Convention adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH, 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention assembled in Trinity Church, the Bishop in the Chair. After prayers by the President the roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The order of the day was postponed to hear the Reports of Committees.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following Report, which was adopted.

REPORT.

It will be seen from the accompanying statistics, that during the last Diocesan year, there has been enough of growth in the Church to encourage those who are laboring for its advancement, to persevere in their faithful efforts. At the same time the Committee would rejoice to be able to present in truth, a brighter picture. There can be no question of the fact, that as suggested in the Address of the Bishop to the Convention, the field of Ministerial labor in Tennessee is to the Protestant Episcopal Church, one of peculiar difficulty. The results attained after so many years of cultivation, are not commensurate with the reasonable expectations of success which might have been indulged at the beginning. The prosperous state of things in one parish, (that of Clarksville,) shows

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however, that with the blessing of the Lord upon diligent spiritual husbandry, very gratifying consequences may ensue among us. And it becomes us with strengthened reliance upon the promises of our Heavenly Master, to seek to please Him in newness of spirit, to promote His cause, and to diffuse the saving knowledge of that grace and truth, which by Him have been brought to earth from Heaven. Were the services of the Church so arranged or altered as without impairing their real fitness and worth, would adapt them to our population, who are almost universally unused to written forms of prayer, and to the frequent changes of posture that occur in the morning worship; were there a larger employment of "unlearned ministers" from the ranks of "the bone and sinew" of the land with whom the people would have a hearty sympathy, and the itinerant system were more generally supported among us, there can be no doubt that a very different condition of things as concerns the Episcopal Church in Tennessee, would be witnessed at the end of the next ten years. As it is, there is a wide gulph between the great multitude in our State and the Church. Education is increasing, and as it is more and more diffused, this distance is lessened; but it is the duty of the Church to have the Gospel preached to the poor, and therefore not to wait upon the slow process of secular instruction in bringing greater numbers within its reach; but to "condescend to men of low estate," and suit itself to the emergency. The road to exaltation is through a true humility. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." It is written of our Saviour, that "the common people heard him gladly," and we may hope for His approval and blessing, in commending His doctrine to them as far as we can with propriety, in such a manner as will best agree with their habits of mind and feeling, and lead them to Him that they may have life.

During the past year, there have been within the Diocese,

Baptisms—White—Infants,	186	
Colored Infants,	69	
White, Adults,	35	
Colored, Adults,	8	298
Confirmations,		100
Sunday School Scholars,		320
Contributions,		$5,339

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The number of	Parishes at present is	20
	Clergy " " "	20
	Communicants " "	862
	Candidates for Holy Orders,	4

THOS. W. HUMES,
CHAS. F. COLLINS,
J. F. JETT.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese was read and referred to Rev. Messrs. Gay and Harlow, as Auditing Committee.

The order of the day was now called up, and the Committee made a verbal report recommending the adoption of the resolutions. The motion for adoption being put, it was lost.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Harlow, it was

Resolved, That this Convention regard with favor and lively interest, the general object and intent of the "MEMORIAL" offered to the consideration of the last General Convention, praying that the Great Head of the Church may so guide and govern the minds and hearts of our Right Reverend Fathers, and our brethern, Clerical and Lay, under whose contemplation legislative action is to be had on the great subject involved, and that much good may result from their deliberations.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Collins, it was

Resolved, That in view of the liberal donations of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, during past years, to this Diocese, it be recommended to the several Parishes to remember that Society in their benevolent gifts, and to the Clergy to take up collections for its benefit.

On motion,

Resolved, That 400 copies of the Journal be printed and distributed as usual, under the direction of the Secretary.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to pre-pay postage on those copies of the Journal directed by Canon to be transmitted by mail.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of TRUSTEES OF THE PENSION FUND. On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and there were chosen,

The Rev. Thos. W. Humes,	Mathew Watson,
" " David Pise,	Russell Houston.

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The Auditing Committee made the following Report which was approved, and the Treasurer's Report ordered on the Journal.

The Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocese beg leave to Report, That they have examined the same, and are satisfied of their correctness.

J. L. GAY,
W. D. HARLOW.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

A. O. HARRIS, Treasurer, DR.

1855. In account with Fund for Support of the Episcopate.

June 8th,	To Cash rec'd from	St. Paul's Ch. Chattanooga,	$15	00
Aug. 14,	" "	St. John's Ch. Knoxville,	21	25
Nov. 16,	" "	St. Luke's Ch. Jackson,	70	00
" 21,	" "	Trinity Ch. Tipton county,	25	65
Dec. 1,	" "	Dr. S. Oldham,	25	00
" 8,	" "	St. Paul's Ch. Chattanooga,	10	00
"	" "	St. Peter's Ch. Columbia,	28	75
1856.				
Jan. 2,	" "	St. Paul's Ch. Randolph,	21	00
Feb. 5,	" "	St. Peter's Ch. Columbia,	28	75
"	" "	St. Mark's Ch. Williamsport,	25	00
Feb. 22,	" "	St. John's Ch. Knoxville,	21	25
March 29,	" "	St. Paul's Ch. Randolph,	16	20
April 7,	" "	St. Peter's Ch. Columbia,	28	75
" 14,	" "	Trinity Ch. Tipton county,	10	00
"	" "	St. James' Ch. Bolivar,	30	00
"	" "	Calvary Ch. Memphis,	927	75
" 22,	" "	St. Peter's Ch. Columbia,	28	75
"	" "	Christ Ch. Nashville,	350	00
"	" "	St. Paul's Ch. Franklin,	15	00
"	" "	St. John's Ch. Knoxville,	21	25
"	" "	Trinity Ch. Clarksville,	100	00
"	" "	Immanuel Ch. Lagrange,	25	00
"	" "	St. James' Ch. Greenville,	52	50
	Dr. S. Oldham advanced for 1856-7,		100	00
			$2,056	85

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By Cash paid Bishop Otey,	$1,364 35
Balance on hand,	692 50
	$2,056 85

A. O. HARRIS, *Treasurer.*

A. O. Harris, Treasurer, Dr.

1855. In account with Contingent Fund.

May 5th,	To Cash paid by	St. James' Ch. Bolivar,		$10 00
	"	"	St. Mark's Ch. Williamsport,	5 00
	"	"	Trinity Ch. Clarksville,	10 00
	"	"	St. Paul's Ch. Franklin,	5 00
	"	"	Immanuel Ch. Lagrange,	5 00
	"	"	St. Peter's Ch. Columbia,	5 55
	"	"	St. John's Ch. Knoxville,	10 00
	"	"	St. Luke's Ch. Jackson,	10 00
Dec. 8,	"	"	St. Peter's Ch. Columbia,	5 00
1856.				
May 13,	"	"	St. James' Ch. Bolivar,	10 00
	"	"	Calvary Ch. Memphis,	35 00
" 22,	"	"	St. Paul's Ch. Franklin,	2 50
	"	"	St. John's Ch. Knoxville,	10 00
	"	"	Trinity Ch. Clarksville,	10 00
	"	"	St. Luke's Ch. Jackson,	10 00
	"	"	Immanuel Ch. Lagrange,	5 00
				$148 05

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1855. Nov. 21,	By Cash paid for Printing Journals,	$69 00
	" " postage on same,	5 00
	Balance on hand,	74 05
		$148 05

A. O. HARRIS, *Treasurer.*

ARREARAGES ON ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE, FOR YEARS 1852-3-4.

Church at the Mouth of Tellico,	$20 00
St. Peter's Ch. Columbia,	94 75

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Zion Ch. Brownsville,	75 00	
Church of The Holy Trinity, Nashville,	35 00	
		$224 75

ARREARAGES ON THE SAME FOR 1855.

St. John's Ch. Maury,	$100 00	
St. Thomas' Ch. Somerville,	10 00	
St. Paul's Ch. Franklin,	25 00	
Zion Ch. Brownsville,	40 00	
Church of The Holy Trinity, Nashville,	35 00	
		$210 00
Whole amount of Arrearages,		$434 75

A. O. HARRIS, *Treasurer.*

ARREARAGES TO THE CONTINGENT FUND, FOR THE YEARS 1852-3-4.

St. John's Ch. Maury,	$30 00	
Church at the Mouth of Tellico,	5 00	
Calvary Ch. Memphis,	70 00	
Zion Ch. Brownsville,	10 00	
Christ Ch. Nashville,	30 00	
St. Thomas Ch. Somerville,	5 00	
		$150 00

FOR THE YEAR 1855.

St. John's Ch, Maury,	10 00	
Christ Ch. Nashville,	30 00	
St. Thomas' Ch. Somerville,	5 00	
St. Peter's Ch. Columbia,	5 00	
		$50 00
Whole amount of Arrearages,		$200 00

A. O. HARRIS, *Treasurer.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Steel,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Clarksville, for their hospitable attentions during the sitting of the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. Luke's Church, Jackson, on the third Wednesday in May, A. D. 1857.

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The President called the Rev. Mr. Humes to the Chair.

The Parochial Reports were read by the Secretary, and ordered to be appended to the Journal.

Mr. Diggons was excused from further attendance on this Convention.

The Convention took a recess till after morning service.

12 o'oclock, M.

The Convention re-assembled, the Rev. Mr. Humes in the Chair.

The Committee on Assessments recommended the following Schedule, which was adopted:

Churches.	For the Episcopate.	Contingent Fund
Christ Church, Nashville,	$400	$15 00
Calvary Church, Memphis	650	17 50
St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	125	5 00
St. John's Church, Maury county,	50	5 00
Trinity Church, Clarksville,	125	5 00
Immanuel Church, Lagrange,	25	2 50
St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	100	5 00
St. John's Church, Knoxville,	90	5 00
St James' Church, Bolivar,	100	5 00
Trinity Church, Tipton county,	50	
Ravenscroft Chapel,	25	
St. Paul's Church, Randolph,	20	
St. James' Church, Greenville,	25	2 50
St. Paul's Church, Franklin,	25	2 50
Zion Church, Brownsville,	20	2 50
Church Holy Trinity, Nashville,	10	
St. Mark's Church, Williamsport,	40	2 50
St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga,	20	2 50
Congregation at Ripley,	100	

The Convention took a recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

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SATURDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled, the Bishop in the Chair.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the quota of this Diocese to the Contingent Fund of the General Convention.

The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund submitted his Report, which was adopted and ordered to be appended to the Journal. (*Appendix B.*)

The Journal was then read and approved, and after singing and prayers, and the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JAS. H. OTEY,
Bishop.

Attest:
DAVID PISE, *Secretary.*

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APPENDIX.

(A.)

PHILADELPHIA, April 20th, 1856.

REV. D. PISE—*My Dear Sir:* The undersigned, Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the *General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church*, hereby respectfully requests the attention of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Tennessee, to certain Amendments of the Constitution of the Church, which were proposed at the Triennial Convention of 1853, and will be brought up for final action at the Convention of 1856.

Copies of the proposed Amendments may be found collated on the fourth page of the fly-leaves of the Journal of the General Convention of 1853, which Journal was duly forwarded to the Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,

M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE.

To the REV. D. PISE, *Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee.*

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The following proposed Amendments were adopted by both Houses in General Convention, and ordered to be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions.

The changes from the present terms of the Constitution are here printed in Italics.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE II.

The Church in each Diocese shall be entitled to a representation of both the clergy and the laity. *Such* representations shall consists of *not more than four clergymen and four laymen—Communicants in this Church, residents in the Diocese, and* chosen *in the manner prescribed* by the Convention *thereof;* and in all questions when required by the clerical and lay representation from any Diocese, each order shall have one vote; and the majority of suffrages by Dioceses shall be conclusive in each order, provided such majority comprehend a majority of the Dioceses represented in that order. The concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the Convention. If the Convention of any Diocese should neglect or decline to appoint clerical deputies, or if they should neglect or decline to appoint lay deputies, or if any of those of either order appointed should neglect to attend or be prevented by sickness or any other accident, such Diocese shall nevertheless be considered as duly represented by such deputy or deputies as may attend, whether lay or clerical. And if, through the neglect of the Convention of any of the Churches which shall have adopted, or may hereafter adopt this Constitution, no deputies, either lay or clerical, should attend at any General Convention, the Church in such Dioceses shall nevertheless be bound by the acts of such Convention.

PROPOSED ARTICLE V.

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, or any territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted on acceding to this Constitution: and a new Diocese to be formed from one or more existing Dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions.

No new Diocese shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other Diocese, nor shall any Diocese be formed by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each of the Dioceses concerned, as well as of the General Convention.

No such new Diocese shall be formed which shall contain less than *fifteen self-supporting parishes, or less than fifteen presbyters* who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new Diocese be formed if thereby any

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existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than *thirty self-supporting* parishes, or less than *twenty* presbyters who have been residing therein and settled and qualified as above mentioned, *provided that no city shall form more than one Diocese.*

In case one Diocese shall be divided into two Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the Diocesan thereof. And the Assistant Bishop, if there be one may elect the one, to which he will be attached; and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop, he shall be the Diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of the Diocese into two Dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the two Dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so divided, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either Diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a Diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, the new Diocese shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses, to which the greater number of Clergymen shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new Diocese.

ARTICLE VI.

The mode of trying Bishops shall be provided by the General Convention. The Court appointed for the purpose, shall be composed of Bishops only. In every Diocese, the mode of trying Presbyters and Deacons may be instituted by the Convention of the Diocese *until the General Contion shall provide a uniform mode of trial.* None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, suspension, or degradation from the ministry, on any clergyman, whether Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

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(B.)

The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund would state, that since the Report in the Journal of 1854, the following amounts have been received and distributed as per following account:

1854.			Dr.
June 26th,	To balance on hand,	6,00	
Oct. 18th,	" Cash, Dr. S. Oldham's an. subs.,	2,00	
" "	" " Dr. R. H. Oldham's do.	2,00	
" "	" " A. S. Oldham's do.	2,00	
" "	" " Mrs. S. Oldham's do.	2,00	
Nov. 6th,	" Collections reported in Journal of 1854,	102,73	116,73
1855.			
May 12th,	To contributions reported in Journal of '55,	136,00	
Oct. 23d,	" cash from Miss Sabina Kemp (an. sub.)	2,00	
Dec. 4th,	" " Dr. S. Oldham, annual sub.,	2,00	
	" " Mrs. S. Oldham " " "	2,00	
	" " Dr. R. H. Oldham " " "	2,00	
	" " A. S. Oldham " " "	2,00	
	" " J. F. Jett " " "	2,00	
	" " St. John's Church, Knoxville,	25,00	
	" " Mr. Sandels per Alston's Sermons,	9,00	
	" " Mr. Geo. T. Taylor, " "	9,00	191,00
1856.			
May 13th,	" Cash—St. John's Church, Knoxville,	25,00	
	" " D. I. Wells, annual sub.	2,00	
	" " Mrs. D. I. Wells, annual sub.	2,00	
	" " St. James' Church, Bolivar,	31,10	
	" " St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	36,65	
May 23d,	" " Dr. S. Oldham, contribution,	100,00	
	" " J. F. Jett, annual sub.	2,00	198,75.
			$506,48

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1854	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Steel,	70,00	
1856,	" " " Rev. R. Shepherd,	100,00	
"	handed to Bishop Otey for distribution,	137,00	
" "	paid Rev. C. F. Collins,	100,00	
" "	Balance on hand	99,48	
			$506,48

J. F. JETT, *Treasurer.*

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REPORT

Of collection on account of Diocesan Missionary Fund from Annual Subscribers, Donations and Public Collections, at Convention in Clarksville, 1856:

Annual Subscribers—	Dr. S. Oldham	2 00
	Dr. R. H. Oldham	2,00
	A. S. Oldham	2,00
	W. M. Steel	2,00
	Mrs. W. M. Steel	2,00
	W. H. Hardin	2,00
	A. O. Harris	2,00
	Mrs. A. O. Harris	3,00
	Bishop Otey	2,00
	Rev. J. J. Ridley	2,00
	Mrs. E. S. Ridley	2,00
	Dr. W. J. Castner	2,00
	Mrs. W. J. Castner	2,00
	Rev. T. W. Humes	2,00
	Mrs. F. L. Williams	2,00
	Master Walker Williams	2,00
	Miss Jane Ward	2,00
	Miss Mary Ward	2,00
	W. W. Vallient	2,00
	Mrs. M. A. Mabrey	2,00
	Miss Lucy Faxon	2,00
	Mrs. Mary J. Boyd	2,00
	Mrs. G. D. Martin	2,00
	Dr. T. J. Donoho	2,00
	J. A. Price	2,00
	Mrs. Barker	2 00
	M. H. Clark	2 00
	Rev. C. F. Collins	2,00
	Rev. W. M. Steel, for 1857	2,00
	Mrs. W. M. Steel, for 1857	2,00
	Master Willie Steel, for 1857	1,00

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Donations—Mrs. M. Stacker.....5,00
Gustavus A. Henry.....5,00
M. G. N.....5,00
Dr. W. H. Drane.....5,00
Steam Boat City of Huntsville, per Bishop Otey..10,00
Steamer Ingomar.....25,00
Collection at Clarksville, Sunday after Convention 41,80
Contributions by Steamer City of Huntsville, deduction from passage of Delegates to Convention.....20,00
Less amount retained of Rev. J. L. Gay out of amount deducted by Steamer Huntsville.....5,00

$175.80

J. F. Jett, *Treasurer.*

At a meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society held in Clarksville, May 24th, 1854, the Rev. T. W. Humes was elected Vice President, and J. F. Jett, was elected Treasurer and Secretary, for the next 12 months.

J. F. Jett, *Secretary.*

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PAROCHIAL AND CLERICAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

REV. CHARLES TOMES, *Rector*.

Baptisms, Infants	22
Adults	3
Confirmations	2
Communicants—Died	3
Removed	11
Added	26
Present number	178
Marriages	4
Burials	12
Sunday School—Teachers	8
Children	60
Contributed at the Weekly Offertory	$1445,16
Being an average per week of	26,25
Appropriated as follows—	
Support of Episcopate	525,00
The Poor	120,50
Domestic Board of Missions	30,00
Church in Alabama	5,00
Sunday School of the Parish	19,75
Debt on the Church	300,00
Episcopate Fund	5,00
Pension Fund	5,00
Church expenses	434,91
	$1445,16

The Treasurer of this Parish is GODFREY M. FOGG.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN.

REV. M. S. ROYCE, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants		2
Confirmations		3
Communicants—Number at last report		20
	Added	3
	Died	2
	Removed	5
	Present number	16
	Marriages	1
	Burials	3
Sunday School—Teachers		3
	Scholars	30
Church Offerings—For repairs, &c.,		$100,00
	At Offertory	74,20

The Offertory money has been paid out as follows—

For Episcopate	$25,00	
" Contingent Fund	5,00	
" General Domestic Missions	15,00	
" Support of Parish School	23,00	
" Sundry expenses	6,20	
		$74,20

A Free School has been established in connection with the Church, taught by a communicant of the Church, where children are instructed in the elementary branches free of all charge, on the condition of attending our Sunday School and Morning Service. It has been in operation three months, and so far has been more successful in its results than I had reason to anticipate, as may be seen in part from the number of Sunday School scholars reported. I have never been able to sustain a Sunday School here before.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LA GRANGE.

REV. WILLIAM FAGG, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants, White		4
	Colored	1—5
Marriage		1
Communicants—Removed		1

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Added 5
Present number 30
Sunday School—Teachers 6
Scholars 30
Collections—For the Episcopate $25,00
Contingent expenses 5,00
Church expenses 60,00

The ladies of the Congregation have also collected about one hundred dollars for the purchase of a new Melodeon. Half my time is devoted to the services of the Church in the Diocese of Mississippi.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

REV. C. T. QUINTARD, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants, Whites 2
Negroes ..... 7—9
Adults, Whites 3
Negroes ..... 1—4
Confirmations—Whites 5
Negroes ..... 3—8
Funerals—Whites 3
Negroes ..... 1—4
Communicants—Died 1
Removed 1
Added 4
Present number 26
Contributions for Church objects—
To the Episcopate $6,20
Convocation of West Tennessee 15,00
Domestic Missions 4,25
Carpet for Church 17,50
Melodeon presented by Wm. J. Kimball ... 75,00
Horse for Rector 100,00
——— $247,95

RAVENSCROFT CHAPEL.

REV. C. T. QUINTARD, *Minister.*

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Baptisms—Infants, White.....1
Negroes.....5
Adults, Negroes.....2—8
Confirmations—White.....2
Negroes.....1—3
Communicants—Added.....5
Present number.....31
Contributions for Church objects
Diocesan Missions.....$12.00
Prayer Books.....10.00
Domestic Missions.....15.00
For the Poor.....25.00
Books for distribution.....6.00
——$68.00

ST. MATHEW'S CHURCH, COVINGTON.

REV. C. T. QUINTARD, *Minister.*

Baptisms—Infants, White.....4
Confirmations.....5
Marriages.....1
Communicants—Added.....5
Present number.....8

The undersigned, left home late in March to solicit funds in aid of the Columbia Institute; on his way East; he baptized sixty-one negroes on the plantation of James J. Alston, Esq., in North Carolina, and one adult white, and three infants in the city of Baltimore, and has attended one funeral in the city of New York.

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

REV. T. F. WARDWELL, *Officiating Temporarily.*

Number of Families.....140
Baptisms—Adults.....4
Infants (Colored 9).....51—55
Confirmations.....12
Communicants—Added.....20

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Removed 11
Withdrawn 6
Deceased 9
Present number.....153

Marriages—White 10, colored 1, total.....11
Burials.....18
Contributions at the weekly Offertory, from Easter '55, to Easter 1856:

Domestic Missions	$95.00
Pension Fund	27.00
Convocation Fund of Western District	58.20
Contingent Fund	35.00
Episcopate Fund, on Easter Sunday	33.20
The Poor, about,	18.00
Parish expenses and contributions to the Episcopate	581.16
	$847.56

The Rev. Dr. Page was in charge of this Parish until about the first of December, 1855.

The Holy Communion has been administered monthly, and on the great Festivals of Christmas, Easter, Ascension and Whitsunday, also in private to the sick.

Ample ground for a Church and Parsonage having been offered to the Church, in North Memphis, by R. D. Brinkley, Esq., on condition that a building be placed thereon, and public worship celebrated, at least once a month, the members of the "Ladies Educational and Missionary Association" have determined to accept the donation, and intend to build a small Missionary Chapel. Besides this, it is said, that an effort will be made to build a Church in South Memphis. There seems to be every inducement to make the effort; every encouragement to hope, under God's blessing, for a prosperous result.

Church Families are becoming estranged from the Church because there is no room for them in the Church. Number of Pews 72; number of Families 140. Pew rents in Calvary Church for 1856–'57, about $3.000. Thus on account of the increased demand for Pews, the rents are so high, that not only the poor, but even persons of moderate means will be excluded from the Church, and compelled to seek a spiritual home elsewhere.

But as the Pews rent for $3000, and the Rector's salary is $1.500, there are ample funds for the salary of another Clergy man, as well as a

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number of families to make a good beginning for a prosperous Parish, and to encourage the Rector to hope, that his "labor would not be in vain" in the Lord.

Treasurer of the Parish is Thos. W. Hunt.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSPORT,

Rev. Charles F. Collins, *Rector*.

Baptisms—Infants		6
Adults		3—9
Confirmations		4
Marriages		1
Burials		4
Communicants—Former number		15
Added		5
Present number		20
Contributions—Holy Communion	$20.00	
Episcopate	20.00	
Contingent Fund	5.00	
Domestic Missions	8.00	
Church Repairs	16.00	

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE.

Rev. Thomas W. Humes, *Rector*.

Baptisms—Adults		1
Infants		12—13
Confirmations		5
Communicants—Former number		55
Added		8
Removed		8
Disciplined		2
Withdrawn		1
Ordained Deacon		1
Present number		61
Marriages		7
Funerals		5
Contributions—Episcopate assessment	$85.00	

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Convention Fund..... 10.00
Diocesan Missions..... 25.00
Domestic Missions.....35.00
Foreign Missions.....30.50
Episcopate Fund 5.00
Fund for aged and infirm Clergymen.....5 00
Knox Co,, Bible Society.....34.00
Columbia Female Institute.....5.00
The Poor.....10.50
Sunday School and Organ.....29.62
Current expenses and Church Repairs.....92,23
Bishop's traveling expenses by subscription.....15.00
——$371.85

Treasurer of the Vestry—H. A. M. White
Sunday School children, White.....40 to 50
Sunday School children, colored.....40 to 50
Sunday School Teachers 12
Besides the above there have been contributed by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Parish to Dio. Missions.....$25.00
And by the Children's Missionary Society, to Foreign Missions 10.00
In St. Andrew's Church, Monroe County,
I have baptized—Infants—White.....4
Colored .....3—7

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

Rev. David Pise, *Rector*.

Baptisms—Infants 4
Confirmed—White.....1
Colored 1
Communicants—Added col. 1 white 5, total.....6
Died.....2
Removed 7
Present No.....51
Marriages 1
Burials.....12
Weekly Offertory, including $30 on the Sunday after .

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Convention.....$259.40
Appropriated to support of the Episcopate.....115.00
To Contingent Fund.....10.00
Dioc. Missions, (collection on the Sunday after Convention 30.00
Domestic Missions.....10.00
Parochial objects.....94.40

Treasurer of the Vestry, JOHN BAIRD.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE.

JOSEPH JAMES RIDLEY, *Minister.*

Baptisms—Infants, White.....30
Adults.....11—41
Confirmations—White.....13
Marriages.....10
Burials—Infants.....5
Adults.....3—8
Sunday School Teachers.....11
Pupils.....70—81
Communicants—Reported last Convention.....100
Added by first Communion, White.....14
" " Removal.....2—16
Lost " Removal.....6
" Discipline.....1—7
Total number 109

Contributions—Domestic Missions.....$26.00
For. do., Education J. J. Ridley, Africa,.20.00
" " " Margaret Brown, "...25.00*
Bishop's assessment.....100.00
Contingent expenses Convention.....10.00
Alms and other Parochial objects.....838.42
Total $1019.42

*This amount was raised by White Hall Female Missionary Association, in behalf of the African Mission, and the name of a valued family servant given its beneficiary.

The condition of the Parish continues, as at last report, under the divine blessing prosperous; one of the most encouraging marks of life, is to be found in the fact, that Testimonials are ready to be laid before the

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Standing Committee in behalf of a *third* candidate for orders.

Treasurer of Vestry is W. B. Settle.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

Rev. J. A. Harrison, *Rector*.

Baptisms—Infants		13
Adults		5—18
Confirmations		13
Communicants		47
Marriage		1
Burials		7
Sunday School Teachers		4
Scholars about		25
Offerings—To Episcopate Fund	$14.05	
Pension do	15.20	
Domestic Missions	37.10	
Foreign do	10.00	
Towards support of Itinerant, by Convocation of Western District	64,20	
Missions in the Diocese	19,03	
Contingent Expenses of Convention	10,00	
Parochial purposes	60.00	
Total		$229,58

Annual Assessment for the support of the Episcopate.....$60

Within the past year, a very commodious Parsonage has been erected, on a lot of five acres, donated for that purpose.

The usual Divine Services have been celebrated, generally, twice on the Lord's day, and once on the Saints' Days, and the higher Festivals of the Church. The Church was also opened for Morning Prayer during Lent, every Wednesday and Friday, until Passion week, when there was a daily service. The Congregations are good, and the Rector has much to encourage him.

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE.

No Report from this Parish.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR. (Vacant.)

Reported by the Senior Warden.

Baptised—Infants.....5

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Adults .....3—8
Burials.....4
Confirmed 6
Marriages 1
Whole number of Communicants.....15
Contributions for an Itinerant within the bounds of the Western District.....$61.70
Collected July 4th, 1855 and paid over to A. O. Harris, Decr. 4th, 1855.....30.85
Collected Septr. 9th.....3.75
do April 17.....27.10-61.70
The two last Collections of September 9th, and April 17th were paid over to Rev. John A. Harrison.
This Parish has had no Minister since the 26th of December last.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MAURY COUNTY.

No Report from this Parish

TRINITY CHURCH, TIPTON COUNTY.

Rev. J. A. Wheelock, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults, Colored.....5
Infants, White.....14
" Colored .....44—63
Confirmations—White 4
Colored .....2—6
Offerings for religious purposes not including the Rector's Salary.....$99.00
Present number of Communicants.....48

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Rev. W. M. Steel, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants 11
Marriages 2
Confirmations 5
Communicants—Former number.....24
Added, by removal.....1

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Confirmation .....5—6—30
Removed 2
Debarred .....1—3
Present number.....27
Sunday School Scholars, about.....20
Teachers 6
Collections—Episcopate $37.50
Domestic and Foreign Missions.....21.50
Church Expenses.....50.00
——$109.00

Treasurer of the Vestry is Wm. Boyce.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, NASHVILLE.

WM. D. HARLOW, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants 1
Communicants—Died.....1
Removed 2
Added.....13
Present number.....30
Marriages, (at Christ Church).....1
Burials.....3
Sunday School Teachers.....7
Scholars about.....40
Contributions—For Foreign Missions.....$4 00
" Africa by Sunday School.....1.00
" Domestic Missions.....1.75
At the Weekly Offertory.....36.10--42.85

This report dates from the first of October last, at which time the present Rector took charge of the Parish.

Treasurer of the Vestry, JAMES ORR.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CHATTANOOGA.

REV. J. SANDELS, *Rector.*

No Report from this Parish.

The Rev. J. L. Gay, Missionary at Loudon, Athens, the Copper-mines and in the adjacent country, Reports to his Bishop that he has Baptized

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Adults 2
Infants 8
Held service and preached ..... 54 times
Presented candidates for Confirmation 4

Has visited about one hundred families, and has given away and sold and loaned quite a number of books and several hundred pages of Tracts. The Communicants in his mission now number between 15 and 20. Several have moved, away both from Loudon and from the mines. He has the happiness to report further that the Church edifice at Loudon is completed and consecrated. He regrets to say also that he has suffered much from Bronchitis and a severe cough, which for several months during the last year, much interfered with the discharge of his public duties. He is grateful for the relief he has lately derived from rest and from active labor on a farm.

Rev. R. Shepherd, Missionary at Louisville, respectfully reports: that since his last report he has officiated at Chilhowee, Louisville, and other places in East Tennessee fifty-two times, baptized four children, one at Chilhowee, and three at Louisville.

Beyond the State he has officiated twelve times during his tour to collect money for Church Building. He has also to state that articles of Association have been signed for a Church at Louisville and a Vestry formed; that from two to three thousand dollars (including what has been promised by the people of Louisville,) has been subscribed in the North and South for the erection of a Church there, which he hopes will be commenced this summer.

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LIST OF OFFICERS, &C.

The Rt. Rev. JAMES H. OTEY, D. D., Bishop, *Residence Memphis.*

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Charles Tomes, *President and Secretary, Nashville.*
" David Pise, John Shelby, M. D.
" J. J. Ridley, F. B. Fogg,

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. Charles Tomes, F. B. Fogg,
" David Pise, Saml. Oldham, M. D.
" T. W. Humes, J. O. Shackleford,
" J. L. Gay, J. F. Jett.

TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPATE FUND.

Matthew Watson, F. B. Fogg,
James B. Craighead.

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Rev. William Fagg, A. O. Harris,
" C. T. Quintard, John F. Jett.

TRUSTEES OF THE PENSION FUND.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop, *ex officio,*
Rev. Thomas W. Humes, Matthew Watson,
" David Pise, Russel Houston.

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Charles Tomes, F. B. Fogg.
" J. J. Ridley,

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

A. O. Harris, *Memphis.*

SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

Rev. David Pise, *Columbia.*

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On the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23d of May,

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LIST OF THE CLERGY.

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The Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, *Residence, Memphis.*

The Rev. CHARLES F. COLLINS,
Rector of St. Mark's Church, Williamsport & St. John's, Ashwood.

" WILLIAM FAGG,
Rector of Immanuel Church, La Grange.

" JOHN L. GAY,
Missionary at Loudon and parts adjacent.

" WILLIAM D. HARLOW,
Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville.

" JOHN A. HARRISON,
Rector of St. Luke's Church, Jackson.

" THOMAS W. HUMES,
Rector of St. John's Church, Knoxville.

* " THOMAS J. PICKETT,
Rector of St. James Church, Bolivar.

" DAVID PISE, D. D.,
Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

" CHARLES T. QUINTARD, M. D.,
Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis.

" JOSEPH J. RIDLEY, M. D.,
Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville.

" MOSES S. ROYCE,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Franklin.

" JOHN SANDELS,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga.

" ROBERT SHEPHERD,
Missionary at Louisville and Chilhowee.

" WILLIAM M. STEEL,
Rector of St. James Church, Greenville.

" CHARLES TOMES,
Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.

" JOHN A. WHEELOCK,
Rector of Trinity Church, Tipton Co., (P. O. Sharon.)

* " F. G. SMITH, *(Suspended)*
Columbia.

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* Not entitled to seats in the Convention.

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LIST OF PARISHES.

CHRIST CHURCH,	. . . . .	*Nashville.*
ST. PAUL'S	"	*Franklin.*
IMMANUEL	"	*La Grange.*
ST PAUL'S	"	*Randolph.*
CALVARY	"	*Memphis.*
ST. MARK'S	"	*Williamsport.*
ST. JOHN'S	"	*Knoxville.*
ST. PETER'S	"	*Columbia.*
TRINITY	"	*Clarksville.*
ST. LUKE'S	"	*Jackson.*
ZION	"	*Brownsville.*
ST. JAMES'	"	*Bolivar.*
ST. JOHN'S	"	*Maury County.*
TRINITY	"	*Tipton County.*
ST. JAMES'	"	*Greeneville.*
CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,	.	*Nashville.*
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,	. . . . .	*Chattanooga.*

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List of Clergymen, entitled to seats, who were not present at the Convention.

The Rev. JOHN L. GAY,
" WILLIAM D. HARLOW,
" THOMAS W. HUMES,
" MOSES S. ROYCE,
" JOHN SANDELS,
" ROBERT SHEPHERD,
" WM. M. STEEL,
" JOHN A. WHEELOCK.

The following Clergymen, not members of the Convention, were present at its sittings:—

The Rev. THOMAS J. PICKETT, Rector elect of St. James' Church, Bolivar.
The Rev. GEORGE WHITE, of the Diocese of Alabama.
" JAMES W. ROGERS, " " Mississippi.

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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH, A.D., 1857.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Tennessee, assembled in St. Luke's Church, Jackson, on Wednesday, the 20th day of May, A. D. 1857, being the place and time appointed by the last Convention.

After Morning Prayer, the Rt. Rev. James H. Otey, D. D., the Bishop of the Diocese, and *ex officio* President of the Convention, caused to be read a list of Clergymen belonging to the Diocese, and entitled to seats; of whom there were present:—

The Rev. Charles F. Collins, *Rector of St. Mark's Ch. Williamsport.*
Rev. John A. Harrison, *Rector of St. Luke's Ch. Jackson.*
" David Pise, D. D., " " *St. Peter's* " *Columbia.*
" Chas. T. Quintard, M. D., " *Calvary* " *Memphis.*
" Chas. Tomes, *Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.*

The certificates of Lay Delegates were laid upon the Secretary's Table, and referred to the Rev. Messrs. Tomes and Quintard, as a Committee, who reported the following as duly appointed:—

Christ Church, Nashville,	Francis B. Fogg, Godfrey M. Fogg, Russell Houston.
Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville,	John Moore, Geo. Brandon, Wm. Finegan.

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St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	Wm. H. Hardin,
	John Baird,
	Wm. J. Polk, M. D.
St. John's Church, Knoxville,	Wm. B. Reese, L L. D.
	A. M. Lea,
	Wm. H. Sneed.
Calvary Church, Memphis,	Lewis Shanks, M. D.,
	A. O. Harris,
	Wm. Armour.
St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	W. H. Stephens,
	James Caruthers,
	J. L. Talbot.

The list being called, the following answered to their names and took their seats.

William Armour,	W. H. Stephens,
James Caruthers,	J. L. Talbot.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Secretary, and the Rev. David Pise, D. D., was duly elected.

The President then declared the Convention duly organized.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted to regulate the proceedings of the present Convention, as follows, viz:

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the business of the House, unless he have leave or be unable to attend.

4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without permission from the President.

6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the House, unless on a motion for reconsideration made by one of the majority.

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7. No motion shall be considered as before the House, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing, when required.

8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately and without debate.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. George White, of Ala., and Joseph E. Franklin, Candidate for Holy Orders in this Diocese, be invited to take seats in this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Tomes, President of the Standing Committee, read the following Report of that Committee:—

The Standing Committee of the Diocese respectfully report to the Convention as follows:—

On the 1st day of June, 1856, they recommended Joseph Gray as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

On the 31st day of March, 1857, they gave canonical consent to the election of the Rt. Rev. William Ingraham Kip, D. D., Missionary Bishop, as Diocesan Bishop of California.

They recommended Joseph Evans Franklin as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

John Shelby, M. D., tendered his resignation as member of the Standing Committee.

On the 1st day of May, 1857, they received from the Vestry of the Church of the Advent, Nashville, the written consent of the Rt. Rev., the Bishop, of the Rev. Charles Tomes, Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, and of the Rev. W. D. Harlow, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville, to the organization of the Congregation of the Church of the Advent, Nashville.

CHARLES TOMES,

Jackson, May 20, '57. *Pres. & Sec. of Standing Com.*

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That 8 o'clock A. M. be the hour of meeting for the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, May 21st, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met: Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Fagg, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Collins, who read the lessons; after which the Rt. Rev., the President took the chair.

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The roll being called, the Rev. J. J. Ridley and the Rev. William Fagg, not present yesterday, answered to their names and took their seats: also the following Lay Delegates:—

Calvary Church, Memphis, Adlai O. Harris,
Lewis Shanks, M. D.

The minutes of Wednesday's proceedings were read and approved. Certificates of Delegates from Parishes not represented yesterday, were laid on the Secretary's Table and referred to the Committee, who reported the following as duly elected:—

Zion Church, Brownsville,	Samuel Oldham, M. D., William M'Conihe, L. B. Leonard.
Immanuel Church, Lagrange,	Henry Burton, T. B. Gloster.
Trinity Church, Clarksville,	James A. Trice, Thomas F. Henry, Walter H. Drane, Jr.
St. James Church, Bolivar,	G. B. Peters, M. D., Levi Joy, D. I. Wells.
Trinity Church, Tipton Co.	Geo. T. Taylor, J. F. Jett, F. N. Maclin.

The list being read by the Secretary, the following answered to their names and took their seats:—

S. Oldham, M. D.,	Henry Burton,
T. B. Gloster,	Geo. T. Taylor,
D. I. Wells,	J. F. Jett.
F. N. Maclin,	

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the House proceed to the election of the usual officers of the Convention; and the following elections were made by ballot:—

TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

Adlai O. Harris.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Charles Tomes,	Francis B. Fogg,
" David Pise, D. D.,	James B. Craighead.
" Joseph J. Ridley, M. D.,	

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DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

On the first ballot were elected,

Rev. Charles Tomes, Francis B. Fogg,
" David Pise, D. D., Samuel Oldham, M. D.,
" Chas. T. Quintard, M. D., J. F. Jett.

On the second ballot were elected,

Rev. Thomas W. Humes, W. B. Reese, L L. D.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following elections were made:—

TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPATE FUND.

Matthew Watson, Francis B. Fogg,
James B. Craighead.

TRUSTEES OF THE PENSION FUND.

Rev. Thomas W. Humes, Mathew Watson,
" David Pise, D. D., Russell Houston.

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Rev. William Fagg, A. O. Harris,
" C. T. Quintard, M. D., John F. Jett.

The Convention took a recess till 3 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to enter upon the Journal, the Reports of the Treasurer of the Episcopate Fund, and of the Pension Fund, when they are received. (*Vide Appendix A.*)

The following persons were appointed a

COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS.

Rev. Charles Tomes, W. H. Hardin,
" Charles F. Collins, W. H. Stephens,
" J. J. Ridley, Dr. S. Oldham,
Dr. Lewis Shanks,
D. I. Wells,
Henry Burton,
G. T. Taylor.

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An application for admission into union with this Convention was made by Grace Church, Memphis, which was referred to a Committee consisting of Dr. S. Oldham and Mr. W. H. Stephens.

Notice was given by the Rev. Mr. Tomes, that he should introduce, to-morrow, the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That Canon IX. be so altered as to substitute the word "morning" for "evening" in the last clause.

Also, by the same, the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the following be substituted for Article 3rd of the Constitution:

Article 3d. A Convention of the Churches in this Diocese shall be held annually at such time and place as the last preceeding Convention may appoint; and the Bishop, or if there be no resident Bishop, the Standing Committee may, for any good and urgent cause moving thereto, change the time and place appointed; and whensoever he or they may deem it expedient, may call a special Convention, at such time and place as he or they may think suitable.

The Bishop presented his account with the Trustees of Ravenscroft College; which, on motion, was referred to a Committee. The Chair appointed on that Committee,

Rev. Charles Tomes, Dr. S. Oldham,
Mr. Wm. Armour.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Tomes, the Rev. Mr. Pickett, of Bolivar, Tenn., but not canonically resident in the Diocese, was invited to a seat in this Convention.

Mr. W. H. Stephens, on behalf of the Committee on the admission of Grace Church, Memphis, made the following Report, which was ordered to be entered on the Journal.

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred a letter addressed by the Vestry of Grace Church, Memphis, asking admission into the Convention, and to report thereon, beg leave to Report, That said application is not accompanied by a certified copy of the Articles of Association, and other papers required by Canon I., and therefore that the application cannot be entertained. Respectfully,

SAMUEL OLDHAM,
WILLIAM H. STEPHENS.

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The Convention then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

FRIDAY, May 22d, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled in St. Luke's Church, the Bishop in the chair. After prayers by the President, the roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

On motion, the Rev. Mr. Rogers of the Diocese of Mississippi, was invited to take a seat in this Convention.

W. H. Hardin, Delegate from St. Peter's Church, Columbia, appeared and took his seat.

Certificates of Lay Delegates from St. James' Church, Greenville, were laid on the Secretary's Table, and examined by the Committee, who reported the following persons as duly elected: G. W. Foute, M. D., Wm. Gordon, and Roswell Kingsley.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address.

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:—

IN accordance with the provisions of §2, Canon XII, of the General Convention of 1853, I lay before you the following statement of the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention.

Sunday May 25th, 1856. In Trinity Church, Clarksville, at night, I confirmed *eight* persons and delivered an address.

From June 1st to July 8th, I read prayers and preached once every Sunday in Calvary Church, Memphis, administered the Holy Communion twice; baptized 5 children and attended one burial.

From the 9th to the 11th July inclusive, preached every night in Immanuel Church, LaGrange. On the 12th and 13th, read prayers and

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preached morning and night in the same Church, and administered the Communion on Sunday in the forenoon.

From the 20th July to the 17th August, I officiated every Sunday in Calvary Church by reading prayers and preaching. During this period I baptized an adult, and an infant; performed the burial service four times, confirmed *four* persons and administered the Holy Communion once.

Sunday August 24th. I preached in Christ Church, Nashville, in the morning, in the Church of the Holy Trinity in the afternoon, and at night again in Christ Church and confirmed *six* persons.

From this time to the 2d of November, I was absent from the Diocese in attendance on the Commission of the House of Bishops, and on the business of the General Convention. During this period I preached twenty-one times in different places.

Sunday Nov. 9th. I preached morning and afternoon in St. James' Church, Greenville, catechized the children and confirmed *one* person.

Nov. 10th. At night, again preached in St. James' Church, and confirmed *two* persons.

Nov. 12th. I preached at night in St. John's Church, Knoxville.

Nov. 16th. I preached in Christ Church, Nashville.

From this time onward to Jan. 18th 1857, I officiated in Calvary Church, Memphis, every Sunday besides Thanksgiving day, and the holy days of the Church. In this period I baptized one infant, attended two burials, solemnized four marriages, and celebrated the Lord's Supper four times.

The congregation of Grace Church, Memphis, which was organized some years ago, has, during the past winter, been revived, and I officiated for it twice during the month of February and March. During the same period, I have baptized in Calvary Church four children and confirmed *twenty-nine* persons.

Having been urgently solicited during the past winter to visit Shelbyville, where there are a few members of the Church, I left home for that purpose on the 17th March, intending likewise to visit the congregations in Middle Tennessee. I reached Shelbyville on the afternoon of the 19th March, and was very cordially welcomed by the little band of Church members and friends there resident. With true christian civility, which I take pleasure in acknowledging, the Methodist Church was placed at our disposal for use, during the whole time of our services. We met together for worship Friday and Saturday night, and Sunday three times, and on Monday night. Large and respectable congregations attended and apparently with great interest. On Sunday I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Harlow,

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from Nashville. The Holy Communion was administered to some twenty or more persons, and two children were baptized. It had been an easy matter to organise a congregation; but I deemed the measure inexpedient before securing the services of a minister. Some gentlemen, however, pledged themselves to the payment of $600 per annum for the support of a clergyman, and with such a guarantee I trust a suitable one may be obtained to enter on this, to us, new and interesting field of Spiritual Husbandry.

In Christ Church, Nashville, I preached on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, the 26th and 27th March, and on the latter occasion Confirmed *nine* persons.

Saturday evening 28th, I preached in St. Paul's Church, Franklin.

Sunday 29th. Preached and administered the Holy Communion in the morning; and at night, after sermon, Confirmed *three* persons, in the same church.

March 30th. At night in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, I preached and then Confirmed *six* persons.

March 31st. In St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, Dr. Pise preached in the afternoon, and I at night.

April 3d. I arrived at Clarksville and was sorry to find the Rev. Dr. Ridley so unwell, as to be unable to take any part in the services of my Visitation. At night I read prayers and preached.

April 4th. The Rev. Mr. Curtis from Hopkinsville, Ky., arrived to-day, and very kindly supplied the lack of service on the part of our sick Rector. At night he read prayers, and I again preached. The weather was very inclement by reason of the rain and cold, and the congregations were small.

Sunday 5th. I preached and administered the Holy Communion, in the forenoon, and in the afternoon, after preaching, I confirmed *four* persons. At night Mr. Curtis preached.

Good Friday 10th. Preached in Calvary Church, after prayers by Rev. Dr. Quintard.

Easterday 12th. After preaching, I confirmed *nine* persons and administered the Holy Communion in Calvary Church, confirmed *one* May 10th.

The clerical changes to be noted during the past year are the following: The Rev. Dr. Page has been transferred to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Rev. Dr. McCullough to that of Maryland. The Rev. T. F. Wardwell to that of Western New York. The Rev. Dr. Wheat transferred to this Diocese last Fall, with the expectation of taking charge of Calvary

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Church, Memphis, has been re-transferred to the Diocese of North Carolina, he having, in consequence of failing health, declined the call made to him. The Rev. Charles T. Quintard, M. D., has been elected Rector of Calvary Church, and has entered upon the discharge of his duties. The Rev. James Thomas Pickett has been transferred to this Diocese by letters dimissory from the Bishop of North Carolina, and has taken charge of St. James' Church, Bolivar.

The Congregation of Grace Church, Memphis, organized some years ago, but which has not yet come into union with the Convention, has within a few weeks, elected a new Vestry, and called the Rev. Mr. Schetky of Louisiville, to become its Rector. It is understood that Mr. Schetky has accepted the invitation, and will enter upon the discharge of his pastoral duties about the beginning of August.

The Ladies' Educational and Missionary Society at Memphis, have continued to prosecute the objects of their Association with praiseworthy energy. They have recently secured by donation from Col. Robert Brinkly a lot suitable for the site of a small Church, and have, through the assistance of some friends, made a contract for the erection of a building, the sittings in which are to be free for all who will choose, to avail themselves of the opportunity thus furnished for the public worship of God. So far, this enterprise affords an encouraging example of what the devotion of a few, apparently weak instruments, may by God's blessing on their persevering efforts, accomplish for the promotion of Christ's cause among us. In the midst of very much to depress and discourage, when I look at the state of the Church, and of religion in this Diocese, nothing has occurred, for years past, that has so filled me with thankfulness and hope for the future, as the inception and progress of this work.

Upon application my consent has been given to the organization of another Congregation at Nashville, to be designated the "Church of the Advent." The features which mark this movement as worthy of serious consideration, are that among the Articles of Association it is agreed that no persons but Communicants in the Church shall be Wardens or Vestrymen, and none but such shall be allowed to vote in their election—that the sittings in the Church to be hereafter erected, shall all be free, and the support of the Minister be derived from the Weekly Offertory made on every Lord's day. The Wardens of this Congregation have notified me of the election of the Rev. Charles Tomes, Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, for the last eight years, to the charge of this new parish, and I have been officially advised of his resignation of the former parish, and his ac-

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ceptance of the pastoral care of the Church of the Advent. His charge of Christ Church ceases after the first Sunday in June. I am much gratified to learn that these changes, although painful to all the parties concerned, as involving the sacrifice of much personal feeling, will be effected without disturbing the mutual confidence and christian affection, which have so long and so happily subsisted between them.

The Candidates for Orders belonging to this Diocese are, William C. Gray, prosecuting his studies at Gambier, Ohio, Wm. Mowbray, studying under the direction of the Rev. John Sandels, and Joseph Gray, under the Rev. J. J. Ridley. These two Candidates last named expect to be admitted to the Order of Deacons during the coming Summer, under the provisions of Canon V, 1853, of the General Convention. John Gierlow has been received as a Candidate on letters dimissory from the Bishop of Georgia. Joseph E. Franklin has been admitted a Candidate on Testimonials from the Standing Committee of this Diocese.

John Moore and Robert Shropshire admitted Candidates April 1st, 1854, having failed to apply for examination according to the provisions of Canon VII, of the General Convention of 1853, have ceased to be Candidates.

It is a truly gratifying indication of the continued and more enlarged usefulness of our Church, and of the ultimate success of the plans which she has devised for the spread of piety and godliness among men, that the subject of Christian Education continues to excite so deep and general an interest among the members of our Communion. We are not however numerous and influential enough as a denomination, in this part of the world, to impart the same interest to the public mind, which is felt among ourselves. Its importance does not seem to be realized among others to the same degree as with the members of our Communion. This, however, only makes it the more necessary that we should wisely devise plans, and energetically pursue such measures as are called for, to secure to the younger members of the Church the benefit of that religious training and culture, of which they are now, for the most part, unhappily deprived. Without Schools in which provision is made for daily religious instruction, parents have, in their choice of Seminaries for the education of their offspring, been very naturally led to prefer those which were cheapest, and such as enjoyed the highest reputation for skill, in their teachers, in developing the intellects of children. Such considerations must have influence in the circumstances in which we have been placed, and the incalculable importance of possessing the minds of the young with the elements of religious truth, have thus been overlooked. In one word,

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we may say, in a vast majority of the schools of the country, the subject of religion has been virtually ignored, little or no attention being given to it by precept or in practice. The teachers too, who have had the charge of our children are men and women unknown to the profession of the Gospel except in rare instances. Teaching has been taken up as an occupation to accumulate money sufficient to enable those pursuing it to engage in other business, and so soon as this object was attained, it has, as a general rule, been abandoned. Perseverance, uniformity and adaptation have not characterized any of our educational plans or systems in the South. Experience has set its seal of reprobation upon a course so fraught with mischief and ruin to the best interests of man in the social state. It is surely time that an effort were made to improve upon the past. The idea that children may well learn every thing at school but the solemn duties which Christianity enjoins, has a direct practical tendency to make them Infidels, nay, Atheists. Do we not know from our own individual and personal experience, that habits are formed in youth which give impress to the whole character of the future man? Must the lamentable result of a failure to teach the young to fear God, be witnessed by each succeeding generation in the open profligacy and shameless impiety and daring crime of the adult population, before we can be roused to perceive the folly and danger of the system we have been pursuing? Surely we have warning enough upon this subject in the general prevalence of irreligion, and the many instances of shocking brutality to be seen in the conduct of those men, who claim from their birth and other accidental advantages, to stand upon an elevation, from which they can look down upon the general mass of mankind. We have had warning, solemn, reiterated warning, and we ought to take heed to it. It is yet in our power, as it is unquestionably our duty, to protect our children from the dangers of an infidel influence, to be careful to whom we entrust the formation of their principles and character, and to be immovably fixed in the determination to give this power to no one who does not recognize the binding obligations of Christain duty, and who does not exhibit before the world a Christain walk and conversation.

It is not now, for the first time, that utterance has been given to these sentiments before the Conventions of this diocese. Time and again, in Addresses to the congregations visited, in Pastoral Letters and in Reports to the Conventions, attention has been earnestly called to this subject by your Bishop from the very beginning of his Episcopate. A concurrence of circumstances deemed fortunate and providential, seems specially to

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invite to its consideration now, and no time has appeared more propitious than the present for united vigorous exertion. A movement has been made outside of the Diocese, in which the Bishop of Louisiana, whom we all know and honor for his enlarged and enlightened views, has taken the lead, which looks to the establishment and endowment of an Institution on the most liberal scale. It is proposed to unite the means and efforts of the members of our own Communion and of others friendly to such an enterprise, in the five States bordering on the Gulf of Mexico, the States of North and South Carolina on the Atlantic, and the two interior States of Tennessee and Arkansas, to found a University, which shall furnish the youth and young men of this vast and important region with ample facilities for enlarged, literary and professional education. There cannot be conceived a sound reason, we apprehend, for compelling the rising generation to go abroad in search of these advantages when it is in our power to supply them at home. I shall not at present, however, go into the discussion of this and other interesting topics connected with the prosecution of this important undertaking. The whole subject has received a large share of public attention through the press, and the proposal has been met with an amount of expressed approbation and favor rather surpassing than falling short of the expectations of the friends of the enterprise.

The precise point to which I wish to call the attention of this body, is one demanding its action. In the programme submitted to the public by the Bishops of the Dioceses uniting in the measure, it is proposed that "The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the Bishops of the Dioceses, *ex-officio*, so uniting, and one Clergyman and two Laymen from each of the said Dioceses to be elected by the Conventions of the same."

If this Convention concur in favoring the enterprise, it will be its duty to make this election, and an additional reason for making the election now will be seen in this, that it is proposed to have a meeting of all the Bishops who have concurred in this project, together with delegates elected as above by their respective Conventions, some where near Chattanooga, in this State, on or about the 4th day of July, to take into consideration measures for securing a site for the proposed University, and for promoting the success of the plan by such other means as shall be deemed expedient and necessary.

Since we were last assembled together in Convention, the Supreme Legislative Council of our Church has met, transacted business and adjourned. Owing to causes with which I am unacquainted, the Journal of its proceedings has not yet been published, or if published, no copies of

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it, so far as I know, have reached our part of the country. This circumstance would seem to make it proper that I should advert to some of the measures which have been matters of consideration in one or both of the Houses of the General Convention, and which possess a general interest in the minds of the members of the Church.

Among things of this sort was the passage of a Canon declaring it to be the duty of every Bishop of this Church to *reside within his own Diocese.* Another Canon was passed making it obligatory upon each Bishop having charge of a Diocese to visit every Congregation of his *Diocese at least once in three years.*

A series of resolutions was passed in the House of Bishops expressing *opinions* as to the manner in which certain Liturgical Services and Offices of our Prayer Book might, under existing rubrics, be used by Clergymen, with the advice of their Bishops. These resolutions were grounded upon the Report of a Commission of Bishops appointed in 1853, to take into consideration and report on the Memorial of sundry Presbyters, which Report was made to the House of Bishops at the General Convention of 1856. The Preamble and Resolutions are as follows:

"Whereas, the use of the Book of Common Prayer, as regulated by custom, has special reference to established Parish Churches and to a population already incorporated with the Church; and whereas, our actual work is, or should be, among many not yet connected with our congregations, or where there are no established Parishes, or where said Parishes are yet in their infancy;

And Whereas, There are or may be in different Dioceses, peculiar emergencies arising out of the character or condition of certain portions of the population which demand some special services;

And Whereas, The Book of Common Prayer should be so used as most effectually to cherish true devotion and set forth the Gospel and works of Christ, and contribute to the extension of His kingdom among men;

And Whereas, The House of Bishops have heretofore expressed opinions as to usages which may be allowed under existing Rubrics and Canons; Therefore, *Resolved*, as the opinion of the Bishops:

1. That the Order of the Morning Prayer, the Litany, and the Communion Service, being separate Offices, may, as in former times, be used separately under the advice of the Bishop of the Diocese.

2. That on special occasions, or at extraordinary services not otherwise provided for, Ministers may, at their discretion, use such parts of the Book of Common Prayer, and such lesson or lessons from Holy Scripture, as shall, in their judgment, tend most to edification.

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3. That the Bishops of the several Dioceses may provide such special services as, in their judgment, shall be required by the peculiar spiritual necessities of any class or portion of the population within said Diocese; provided, that such services shall not take the place of the Services or Offices of the Book of Common Prayer in Congregations capable of its use.

4. That in view of the desirableness of union amongst Christians, and as a pledge of willingness to communicate and receive information tending to that end, and in order to conference, if occasion or opportunity should occur, this House will appoint, by ballot, a Committee of five Bishops, as an Organ of Communication or Conference with such Christian bodies or individuals as may desire it, to be entitled the *Commission on Church Unity.*

5. That in making the above appointment, it is clearly understood that the Commission is clothed with no authority to mature plans of union with other Christian bodies, or to propound expositions of doctrine or discipline."

Such are the Resolutions as passed by the House of Bishops, varying slightly in form from those reported by the Commission. They were preceded in the Report by a statement in these words, to which I ask the careful attention of this body.

"It has been the purpose of the Commission, so far as their present labors go, to leave the Prayer Book untouched; they have also doubted how far the consideration of such proposed alterations (referring to alterations, emendations and additions, proposed in communications made to the Commission by Ministers and Laymen of the Church) would fall within the duty assigned to them; and at all events, they felt that if any alterations of the Prayer Book were proposed, the House of Deputies would be entitled to take part in the preliminary discussions connected with them, and that much more time ought to be devoted to the work than they have been able to command. They have concluded, therefore, to commend this subject to the General Convention, to be disposed of as in its wisdom it may judge to be most expedient."

It may seem scarcely credible, yet it is nevertheless true, that with a knowledge of all that is here stated, the House of Bishops was charged by some persons with usurping powers of legislation not secured to it by the Constitution and Canons of the Church! I mention this fact in connection with the subject to which your attention is directed, that I may record my sense of its shameless injustice, and to repel from the body of which I am a member, an accusation as uncharitable as it was groundless.

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There has been no disposition on the part of the Clergy of this Diocese generally, to take any liberties whatever, with the Services or Offices of the Church. Even in cases where it has been supposed and commonly conceded that a license might be taken to depart in some slight degree, from established order in places where the Prayer Book was little known, and where none were familiar with its use, this liberty has been very sparingly used. Trained as we have been to reverence and love the Prayer Book, and to respect its authority, we have, nevertheless, found on many occasions, a compliance with its prescriptions inconvenient, and occasionally impossible. With every disposition to obey its Rubrics, we could not use the responsive parts of the Service, when there were none who would make responses. Called on as we frequently are to officiate, and to preach the Gospel to numbers of respectable people on board of steamboats, or to the Negroes on plantations, where we have neither the convenience of Church arrangements nor Prayer Books to use, nor people before us familiar with their use, what are we to do? Are we to refuse to bear testimony in behalf of our Master and "the power of His Gospel unto Salvation?" Shall we withhold the truth because it cannot be presented in a certain way, or in a particular and set form, adapted to other circumstances and intended for other occasions? Shall we withhold the light because our candle is not set in a golden candlestick? Does the Church require us not to pray with men because they cannot or will not pray with us? Because we cannot use an entire Service,— Morning or Evening Prayer,—must we, therefore, dispense with worship altogether? Those who are opposed to the opinions expressed by the House of Bishops, must answer these questions affirmatively, or what is more likely, will take the ground that necessity will justify a departure from the Rubrics in particular cases, such as those specified above and the like, and therefore no opinion of the House of Bishops is called for, and no legislation by the General Convention deemed necessary. And thus, in the exercise of a freedom derived from an alledged necessity, the Services and Offices of the Prayer Book are cut up, divided and mutilated without mercy and without fear. The very Churches and Congregations which are held up as models "par excellence," for imitation,—as patterns of all that is decent and orderly,—as examples of true Churchmanship, are the very ones which set at defiance both Rubrics and Canons, and actually plead their custom, —their tradition to sanction and justify their violations of law. Thus in some of the largest and most influential Churches in the older Dioceses, the Baptismal Office is very rarely used *immediately after* the Second

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Lesson at Morning or Evening Prayer. The Service is concluded — the Sermon read — the Congregation dismissed, and then the Parents or Sponsors with the child are called to the Chancel or into the Vestry room, and the Baptism performed there; and this is complying with the Rubric which requires the Baptism to take place "*immediately after* the Second Lesson at Morning or Evening Prayer!"

This is not all. An outrage is committed upon the feelings in using the whole of the Burial Service at the Church — in the body of the Church, — and refusing to go to the grave, so palpably violative of the Rubric, so unjustifiable by any plea I have ever heard for the practice, that I know not on what grounds it is tolerated by the authorities of the Church or suffered by the people. When the heart is full, yea, overflowing and almost bursting with grief — when at the instant, that some loved object, of which the bosom has been rifled, is laid in the cold and silent grave, and the mourner needs all the comfort and consolation which our beautiful and most touching Burial Service is so well designed to impart, to be deprived of it all, and see the Sexton come into the Church with a handful of ashes from the furnace, and go through the form — (rather mockery) — of committing the body to the ground, what can justify a practice so at variance with law and the dictates of common sense? The only justification I have ever heard pleaded for this confessed infringement of a positive law is, that to go with every corpse buried in a large parish to the place of interment, would take all the time of the Clergyman. I have been at some pains to examine into this matter by a reference to the Parochial Reports of some of the largest parishes in the United States. In the Parochial Report of Trinity Church, New York, for 1856, I find "one hundred and twenty-nine funerals attended," which gives to its nine Clergymen not quite fifteen funerals per annum for each one to attend. In St. George's Church, only six Burials are reported. In Christ Church, Philadelphia, sixteen Burials reported in 1852; in St. Peter's Church, forty-one; in St. Paul's Church, thirty. I do not say that the Ministers of these Churches, all of which I believe have Assistants, do not go to the grave to bury their Parishioners; but I say this, that the number of Burials in the largest parishes, is not large enough to sustain the plea put in, that to attend on such occasions would consume all the time of the Clergy. The plain truth of the case is this: If the reasonable requests of those who ask for some liberty in the use of the Prayer Book be allowed, that allowance necessarily cuts off all pretence for urging the plea of necessity or tradition on the part of those, who, loud in the condemnation

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of all legislation upon the subject, are unscrupulous in their practice of taking what liberty they please.

I do not deem it necessary to set forth with this Report any Service for special occasions, or to meet the peculiar wants of any particular class or portion of the population to whose circumstances or intellectual condition our Prayer Book in its present arrangements is not adapted. Should such a necessity accrue and be made known to me, I will, without hesitation, endeavor to meet the case in the most prompt and effectual manner I can. This cannot arise in any regularly established parish. It is only in new places where the Church and her Ritual are unknown, that there can ordinarily occur the necessity or expediency of changing in any degree that beautiful order in which we have hitherto worshipped with so much comfort, pleasure and profit to our souls.*

I beg leave, in conclusion, to call the attention of our Lay Brethern throughout the Diocese once more, and most earnestly, to the importance of providing in each Parish where Churches have been built, Parsonages for the accommodation of Clergymen and their families. It is a measure which will commend itself at once to the favor of every reflecting person, as the most obvious and ready means of relieving a congregation from an annual tax in the support of a Minister — a support which it is often found difficult to raise by contributions from the Parishioners, and, also, the most likely method of securing and retaining the services of a Pastor. Wherever the trial has been made, it has proved highly successful and satisfactory. It is an object, also, of easy accomplishment now, compared with what it probably will be a few years hence, when the price of town-lots and lands will be greatly increased from the progressive improvements of the country.

Commending you, Brethern, to the protection of Almighty God our Heavenly Father, and to the guidance of His grace in your present work, and in all your future labors for the increase of His kingdom and glory on earth, I remain your faithful friend and affectionate Pastor.

JAS. H. OTEY.

Jackson, May 23, 1857.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to draw up Resolutions expressive of the sense of this Convention in relation to the proposed Southern University, as brought to the

*It is intended to prepare and set forth in the course of the Summer a Service to be used on the special occasions referred to, in connection with a Pastoral Letter.

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notice of the Convention in the Address of the Rt. Rev., the Bishop.

The Rev. Charles Tomes, James Caruthers and James L. Talbot were appointed on this Committee.

On motion it was

Resolved, That there be a Committee appointed to take into consideration what measures can be adopted to promote the extension of the Church in this Diocese.

There were appointed on this Committee,

Rev. Dr. Quintard,	W. H. Hardin,
" " Ridley,	W. H. Stephens,
	J. F. Jett.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the reading of the Parochial Reports be dispensed with, and that they be appended to the Journal.

On motion it was

Resolved, That 400 copies of the Journal be priuted and distributed as usual under the direction of the Secretary.

The following Resolution was offered.

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in Immanuel Church, La Grange, on the last Wednesday in May, A. D. 1858.

The question still pending, the Convention took a recess until 3 o'clock this Afternoon.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention reassembled. The question pending when the Convention took a recess, came up, and after much discussion it was carried in the affirmative.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Bishop referring to Ravenscroft College, made, through the Rev. Mr. Tomes, the following

REPORT.

The Committee to whom has been referred the account of the Rt. Rev., the Bishop, with Ravenscroft College, respectfully Report :—

That they have examined the same and find it correct, and recommend that it be spread upon the Journal of this Convention. (*Appendix B.*)

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In the examination of the vouchers accompanying the account referred to them, the Committee find that the Bishop has expended for the Colum-

ule for the current year, which was adopted:

CHURCHES.	FOR THE EPISCOPATE.	FOR CONTINGENT FUND.
Christ Church, Nashville,	$400	$15
Calvary Church, Memphis,	650	17.50
St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	150	5
St. John's Church, Maury County,	50	5
Trinity Church, Clarksville,	150	5
Immanuel Church, LaGrange,	40	2.50
St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	100	5

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St. John's Church, Knoxville, ...	100	5
St. James' Church, Bolivar, ...	50	5
Trinity Church, Tipton County, ...	60	
Ravenscroft Chapel, ...	50	
St. Paul's Church, Randolph, ...	20	
St. James' Church, Greenville, ...	25	2.50
St. Paul's Church, Franklin, ...	25	2.50
Zion Church, Brownsville, ...	30	2.50
Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville. . . .	10	
St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, ...	40	2.50
St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga, ...	20	2.50
Congregation at Ripley, ...	100	

The Committee appointed to consider that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the proposed Southern University, made through the Rev. Mr. Tomes, the following Report, which was unanimously adopted:

REPORT.

The Right Reverend, the Bishop, having in his Address brought to the notice of this Convention the subject of a University to be established by the united efforts of the Dioceses in the Southern States, the Clergy and Laity here assembled, desire to express their convictions of the vast importance of the enterprise, and to give all the weight of their influence in commending it to the sympathies and the liberality of the Diocese which they here represent.

The idea of a University to be established upon enlarged, enlightened Christian views of the duty the Church owes to the State which secures her religious liberty—of the common wants of the people of the Southern States—of the obligations resting upon the present generation to lay an abiding foundation of an Institution which shall secure to posterity the blessings of sound learning and Christian truth—has not been of sudden growth. Although for its recent conception, the honor belongs to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Louisiana, yet, for many years, the guardians of the spiritual interests of the Southern States have been alive to the necessity of such an Institution, and have been anxiously watching for the auspicious moment for its establishment.

The general prosperity of the Country—the peculiar aspects of the times—the increasing necessity which exists to provide for the education of our own children under our own immediate supervision—all combine to give an importance to the subject of the proposed University which can

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be claimed for no other measure bearing upon the interests and welfare of our Country. And these circumstances so imperative as pointing to enlarged effort and immediate action, must be regarded as indications of Divine Providence, that *now* is the time for earnestly and zealously undertaking the work proposed, and for manifesting a liberality upon a scale commensurate with its magnitude and its importance.

This Convention, therefore, in behalf of our common country, in behalf of the interests of the Southern States, in behalf of the Church of God, in behalf of sound learning, in behalf of our children and our children's children, warmly commend the subject of the proposed University to the consideration of the Clergy and Laity—in the earnest hope that it may call forth the prayers and the liberality of the people of this Diocese to an extent which, with like co-operation on the part of other Dioceses, shall secure to the Southern States, a University, established upon so broad and firm a foundation and conducted upon a plan so comprehensive and liberal that its influences may extend over the whole of our country, securing the blessings of learning and of christianity, and cementing the bond of Union to the remotest generation.

On motion it was

Resolved, That this Convention elect one Clergyman and two Laymen as Commissioners from the Diocese to the Convention of Bishops and others, to be held near Chattanooga, in July next, on the subject of the proposed University.

Under this Resolution the following persons were elected: Rev. Dr. Pise, Hon. Francis B. Fogg, and Mr. John Armfield.

On motion it was

Resolved, That three hundred additional copies of the Report of the Committee on the subject of the proposed Southern University be printed for distribution under the direction of the Secretary.

The Committee on Church Extension made the following Report, which was adopted:—

REPORT.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration what measures can be adopted to promote the extension of the Church in this Diocese, respectfully Report:—

That at a meeting of this Convention in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, in 1855, a Committee was appointed to report on this subject.

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That Committee inquired, at some length, into the causes of the present circumscribed condition of the Church in Tennessee, and recommended measures for its relief. The recommendations of the Committee have never been acted upon. One measure recommended was, the establishment of Book Depositories in the Cities of Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis, in order that the people may have the opportunity of learning what religion is, as taught by the Church. This recommendation is, by the Committee, considered one of considerable importance, but from the fact that it has not yet been acted upon, the Committee, in order to arrive at some such result as that contemplated by the former Committee, respectfully recommend the organization of a Diocesan Book Society, during the sitting of the present Convention.

C. T. QUINTARD,
J. J. RIDLEY,
J. F. JETT,
W. H. STEPHENS,
W. H. HARDIN.

On motion the whole matter was referred back to the Committee, and their further report made the order of the day this Afternoon.

The Convention then took a recess till 3 o'clock P. M.

SATURDAY, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Convention re-assembled, the Bishop in the chair. The order of the day being called up, the Committee reported a plan of organization.

On motion it was

Resolved, That this Convention hereby recommend the organization of a Diocesan Church Book Society upon the plan reported by the Committee, to whom that business was referred.

The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary and Education Committee rendered his Report, which was accepted and ordered on the Journal. (*Apendix C.*)

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer's account be referred to Wm. Armour and Dr. Shanks and be sent to the Secretary to be entered on the Journal. (*Apendix D.*)

On motion,

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Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Jackson, for the hospitality so generously extended to its members during the present session, and that the Rector of St. Luke's Church be requested to give publicity to this resolution in such way as he may deem expedient.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to revise the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and to report at the next annual Convention.

The Chair appointed as this Committee,

The Rev. Dr. Quintard, William Armour, and J. F. Jett.

The minutes of this day's proceedings were read and approved.

The House then, on motion, resolved to adjourn after the usual devotions.

Whereupon, after singing a hymn, and the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest: JAMES H. OTEY,

DAVID PISE, *Sec'y*. *President of the Convention*.

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APPENDIX.

(A.)

A. O. HARRIS, TREASURER,

In account with fund for support of the Episcopate.

1856.-May 22.—	To balance on hand as ren'd Convention of 1856,						692	50
Sep. 15,	To	Cash	from	St. Peter's	Church,	Columbia,	31	25
" 26,	"	"		St. John's	"	Knoxville,	22	50
Dec. 2,	"	"		do	"	"	22	50
" 2,	"	"		St. Luke's	"	Jackson,	80	00
" 18,	"	"		St. Paul's,	"	Randolph,	20	00
" 18,	"	"		Ravenscroft Chapel,			25	00
1857.-Jan. 15,	"	"		St. Peter's	Church,	Columbia,	31	25
March 6,	"	"		St. Luke's	"	Jackson,	20	00
" 7,	"	"		St. Paul's	"	Chattanooga	20	00
" 24,	"	"		Trinity	"	Tipton,	15	00
April 3,	"	"		St. John's	"	Knoxville,	22	50
" 23,	"	"		St. Peter's	"	Columbia,	31	25
" 23,	"	"		" on account of old arrearages			94	75
May 14,	"	"		St. John's	Church,	Knoxville,	22	50
"	"	"		Calvary	"	Memphis,	650	00
1857.-May 23.—	To cash rec'd at Convention, 1857, viz:—							
			From	Christ	Church,	Nashville,	200	00
			"	Trinity	"	Tipton,	35	00
			"	Immanuel	"	Lagrange,	25	00
			"	St. James	"	Bolivar,	100	00
			"	Trinity	"	Clarksville,	125	00
			"	St. Paul's	"	Franklin,	25	00
			"	Zion	"	Brownsville,	20	00
			"	St. Peter's	"	Columbia,	31	35—$2362 25

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CREDIT.

1856.–June 10.—By cash paid Bishop Otey,
By St. James Church, Greenville.32 50
1857. " paid Bishop Otey,
By St. Paul's Church, Franklin, 25 00
" paid Bishop Otey,
By Christ Church, Nashville,...95 25
" paid Bishop Otey, by Harris & Hunt,.2209 50—$2362 25

Memphis, May 23d, 1857.

A. O. HARRIS, TREASURER.

In account with Contingent Fund.

1856.–May 22.—To Balance on hand as rendered Convention 1856..74 05
Dec. 2, To Cash from St. John's Church, Knoxville,.....5 00
1857.–April 23, " " St. Peter's " Columbia,.....4 44
May 14, " " St. John's " Knoxville,.....5 00
March 7, " " St. Paul's " Chattanooga,....2 50
May 18, " " Calvary " Memphis,.....17 50
1857.–May 23, " rec'd at Convention, 1857, viz:
From Christ Church, Nashville,....30 00
" St. Luke's " Jackson,.....5 00
" St. Paul's " Chattanooga,...7 50
" St. Paul's " Franklin,.....5 00
" Immanuel " Lagrange,.....2 50
" St. James " Bolivar,.....5 00
" Trinity " Clarksville,....5 00—168 49

CREDIT.

1856.–Sept. 26,—By cash paid for printing Journals of 1856,.....78 00
" " Wrappers and Postage,.....9 19
Diocesan assessement to General Convention, 1856.30 00—117 19

Memphis, May 23d, 1857. $51 30

Arrearages due for support of the Episcopate and Contingent Fund previous to Meeting of Convention of 1857.

		Support of Episcopate.	Contingent fund.
Christ Church,	Nashville,.....200 00		45 00
St. John's "	Maury County, ...150 00		45 00
St. James' "	Greenville,.....25 00		2 50
Zion "	Brownsville,.....135 00		12 50
Church of the Holy Trinity,	Nashville,.....80 00		
St. Mark's Church,	Williamsport,.....20 00		5 00
St. Thomas' Church,	Somerville,.....10 00		
Calvary Church,	Memphis,.....		70 00
St. Thomas,	Sommerville, ...		10 00
		$660 00	$192 50

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(B.)

RAVENSCROFT COLLEGE,

In account with JAMES H. OTEY.

1854.—To cash paid Thomas for building Chimneys, &c., to house on lot in Columbia		$212 66
" Cash paid Harrison for removing House as above		150 00
" Balance		11 00
		$373 66

CREDIT.

1852. Nov. 5, By balance in my hands as per account rendered	$318 66		
By cash received from Geo. Polk	25 00		
" " " W. J. Polk	25 00		
" " " Col. Trotter	5 00		
		$373 66	
1857. May 20, By balance this amount being cash in hand due Ravenscroft College		$11 00	

(C.)

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

In Account with J. F. JETT, Treasurer.

1856. May 26, By balance as per account reported in Journal of Convention, 1856	$99 48	
" " " Collections and donations received at said Convention, and reported in Journal	175 80	
		$275 28
" December 16, " Cash of St. John's Church, Knoxville, through Bishop Otey		30 00
1856. December 16, By Cash for Alston's Sermons received of Mr. Biglow, through Bishop Otey		22 00
1857. May 23, Cash of Rev. Dr. Cressey, on account his note collected by Bishop Otey		100 00
Cash of D. I. Wells, annual subscription	2 00	
" Mrs. E. Wells, "	2 00	
" Dr. Jas. G. Warmack, " 1856–7	4 00	
" James Caruthers, " 1856–7	4 00	
" Mrs. F. E. Caruthers, " 1856–7	4 00	
" Mrs. Jane Baroute, "	2 00	
		18 00

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1857. May 28,	Cash of Mrs. Lucy Williams,	"	.....	2 00	
	" Mrs. D. W. Williams,	"	.....	2 00	
	" Miss M. Ward,	"	.....	2 00	
	" Miss Jane Dabney,	"	.....	2 00	
	" Mrs. Mabry,	"	.....	2 00	
	" Mrs. Stacker,	"	.....	2 00	
	" Mrs. E. S. Ridley,	"	.....	2 00	
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	" Bishop Otey,	"	.....		2 00
	" William Rose, Donation,		.....	10 00	
	" Dr. Shanks,	"	.....	5 00	
	" Mrs. Shanks,	"	.....	5 00	
				——	20 00
	" Communion collection at St. Luke's Church, Jackson, at Convention,...			35 00	
	" Contribution of St. Luke's Church,..			15 00	
				——	50 00
	" J. F. Jett's, annual subscription,.....				2 00
	" Mrs. S. J. Whitley,	"	1856–7..		4 00
	" Doct. C. T. Quintard,	"	.....	2 00	
	" S. P. Walker		.....	2 00	
	" Mrs. S. P. Walker.....			2 00	
	" W. B. Miller.....			2 00	
	" Communicant of Calvary Church.....			2 00	
	" George N. James,.....			2 00	
	" A. O. Harris,.....			2 00	
	" Mrs. A. O. Harris.....			2 00	
	" John W. Harris, Donation.....			2 00	
	" E. R. Harris	"	.....	2 00	
	" H. Fairfax Harris,	"	.....	2 00	
	" Kate W. Harris,	"	.....	2 00	
	" Robert K. Harris,	"	.....	2 00	
	" Charles Quintard Harris.....			1 00	
	" Joseph E. Franklin.....			2 00	
	" Mrs. P. W. Alston.....			2 00	
	" F. W. Smith.....			2 00	
	" F. W. Smith, Donation.....			10 00	
	" J. M. Hill.....			2 00	
	" Mrs. J. M. Hill.....			2 00	
	" M. Hanks, Donation.....			5 00	
	" Rev. C. T. Quintard.....			2 00	
	" Mrs. Quintard.....			2 00	
	" Clara E. Quintard.....			1 00	
	" Geo. W. Quintard.....			1 00	
				——	56 00

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1857. February 10—To cash remitted Rev. W. D. Harlow,.....	$37 50		
March 6, " " "	37 50—	75 00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,.....			$518 28
Amount reported in Journal 1856, in hands of the Rt. Rev. Jas. H. Otey,.....	137 73		
Deduct amount paid Rev. Wm. D. Harlow, Jan. 1856, omitted in last account,....	75 00		
	62 73		
Rec'd by Bishop Otey for sale of Alston's Sermons as credit in this account,.....	22 00		
By bal. in hands of Bishop for distribution,..	84 73—	84 73	
Balance on hand,.....			$603 01

J. F. JETT, Treasurer,
Jackson, Tenn.

May 23d, 1857.

At a meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society held in St. Luke's Church, Jackson, May 23d, 1857, the Right Rev. Bishop Otey presiding, the Rev. William Fagg was elected Vice President and J. F. Jett, Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year. When the account of the Treasurer, which had been presented to the Convention and which appears in the Journal, was received and approved, and after the following payments from annual subscribers, and donations were received, the meeting adjourned.

J. F. JETT, Sec'y.

May 23d,	W. H. Stephens, donation..... ..	5 00
"	James L. Talbot and Lady, donation..	25 00
"	Dr. J. G. Warmack, donation.....	10 00
"	Mrs. Mary Stodard, "	5 00
"	J. P. Trezevant, "	14 00
"	G. T. Taylor, annual subscription....	2 00
"	Mrs. G. T. Taylor "	2 00
"	Miss Fanny Green, "	2 00
"	Mrs. W. O. Butler, "	2 00
"	John P. Trezevant, "	2 00
"	Miss Sallie L. Trezevant, "	2 00
"	Master Robt. Trezevant "	2 00
"	Rev. Dr. Pise, "	2 00
"	W. H. Hardin, "	2 00
"	Rev. Mr. Harrison, "	2 00
"	Mrs. McCombs, "	2 00
"	Mrs. B. A. Massey, "	2 00
"	Mrs. Sallie Cotton, "	2 00

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"	Dr. S. Oldham,	"	2 00
"	Mrs. S. Oldham,	"	2 00
"	Dr. Robert H. Oldham,	"	2 00
"	A. S. Oldham,	"	2 00
May 24th, Rec'd by Rev. Mr. Harrison, Sunday Collection, in St. Luke's Church, Jackson,.....			64 50
			$157 50

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PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

Rev. Charles Tomes, *Rector.*

Baptisms: Adults....2.... Infants ....6.... total.....			8
Confirmed:			11
Communicants: Added anew.....10.....			
Removed into the Parish....2.....			
" from " " ....8.....			
Died.....3...—Present Number			179
Marriages:			13
Burials:			9
Public Services: on Sundays.... 104, on other days....626, total			730
Children Catechised: number of times..besides at Sunday School			30
Sunday School: Teachers, Male....2,....Female....7,....total...			9
Pupils,..... ...			60
Weekly Offertory.....$1576 04.....			
Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate.....	$200		
Contingent Fund of Convention.....	30		
Pension Fund.....	5	00	
Episcopate Fund (*Easter Collection*,).....	5	00	
Dioc. Miss. and Education Fund....			
Dom. and For. Miss. Soc.....Dom.....	75		
Other Purposes: The Poor.....	177		
Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity...	154		
Ditto by Children of Sunday School.....	22	60	
S. S. Union Ch. book Society.....	20		
Church of the Holy Trinity.....	25	00	
Sunday School of the Parish.....	24		
Debt on the Church.....	350		
Church expenses.....	488	44	
			$1576 04

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, Godfrey M. Fogg.

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, NASHVILLE.

Rev. Wm. D. Harlow, *Rector*

Baptisms, Infants,.....3
Confirmed, ...3
Communicants, Added anew.....5
Removed into the Parish,..2
" from " ..2
Present number,.....28
Marriages,.....4
Burials,.....7
Public services: on Sundays 100—on other days about 20..total..120
Children Catechised, number of times,.....20
Sunday School—Teachers, Male..2..Female, 3....total.....5
Pupils, " 15.. " 25....total.....40
Weekly Offertory,.....$30 90
Appropriated: Dom. and For. Miss. Society,....Dom.....4 35

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish—Jas. Orr.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN.

Rev. M. S. Royce, *Rector*.

Families 15 (Adults 40, Children 46) total number of individuals...86
Baptisms—Adults 2, Infants 47....total.....49
Confirmed,.....3
Communicants—Added anew,.....3
Removed into the Parish..2
" from " ..2
Present number,.....22
Marriages, ...1
Burials, ...1
Public Services, every Sunday, on the greater festivals and fasts, and Wednesday and Friday during Lent.
Children Catechised, every Sunday.
Sunday School—Teachers, male....0....female....2
Pupils, total, ...35
Bible Class—none.
Collections—Communion Alms,.....$188 55
For Building School House, 135 00—total....$323 55
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate,.....$25 00
Contingent Fund of Convention,...5 00
Domestic Missions,.....20 05

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Parish School,.....120 85
Building School House,.....135 00
Church Expenses,.....17 65— $323 55

Amount of Clergyman's Salary—no specified amount.

Treasurer of the Parish, M. S. Royce.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

Rev. David Pise, D. D., *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 38, (Adults 104, Children 69)
Total number of individuals,.....173
Baptisms, Adults 1, Infants 10....total,.....11
Confirmed.....6
Communicants—Added anew.....6
Removed into the Parish,..5
" from " ..5
Died,.....1—Present Number..55
Marriages,.....4
Burials,.....3
Public Services—On Sundays, 80; on other days, 22...total....102
Weekly Offertory,.....$247 24
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate,.....$125 00
Conting't fund of Convention, including arrearages.10 00
Pension Fund, Christmas Collection,..... .5 00
Episcopate Fund, Easter Collection,.....3 60
Dom. and For. Miss. Soc..Dom.....11 00
" " ..For.,.....8 00
Other purposes—Charity,.....10 00
Church Expenses, Repairs, &c.,.....125 83
There has also been raised, for arrearages for support of the Episcopate,.....94 75
Annual pay't on Insurance of the life of the Rector for $3000..96 00
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive,.....$800 00

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, John Baird.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSPORT.

Rev. Charles F. Collins, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 10, (Adults 50, Children 10)
Total number of Individuals,.....60
Baptisms, Infants,.....6
Communicants—Added anew.....1
Removed into the Parish...2
" from " ...1
Died.....1—Present Number,..20

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Marriages,.....2
Burials,.....1
Public Services—on Sundays 60—on other days 20.... total.....80
Collections—Communion Alms,.....20
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate.....$20 00
Contingent Fund of Convention,.....2 50
Other purposes, Bp. White Prayer book Society.5 00

47 50

Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive,.....300 00
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, Dr. S. P. Hunt.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ASHWOOD, MAURY CO.

Rev. Charles F. Collins, Minister in charge.

I have officiated in this Parish every other Sunday since the first Sunday in the year. The congregations have, generally, been small, and but little interest taken in the Church. I expect to resign the charge of this Parish and also that of St. Mark's, Williamsport, soon after the present Convention. There have been two infant Baptisms and two Burials.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE.

Jos. Jas. Ridley, M. D. *Rector.*

Congregation—(Adults 147, Children 91)
Total number of Individuals,.....238
Baptisms—Adults 9, Infants 16,....total.....25
Confirmed.....12
Communicants—Added anew,.....15
Removed into the Parish,..3
" from " ...6
Died,.....1—Present number,.119
Marriages,.....5
Burials,.....4
Public services—on Sundays 156, on other days 58....total.....214
Children Catechised, number of times.....12
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 6, Female 6....total.....12
Pupils, Male 25, Female 28....total.....53
Collections—Communion Alms, ...$128 60
In other ways,.....1027 00—1155 60
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate 125 00
Contingent Fund of Convention.....5 00
Pension Fund,.....0 00
Episcopate Fund, (Easter collection)..0 00

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Dioc. Miss. and Education Fund,...14 00
Dom. and For. Miss. Soc...Dom....42 00
" " For. ..50 00
Other purposes,.....919 60—1155 60

Amount of salary Clergyman is entitled to receive, $800 and parsonage.

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, W. B. Settle.

The condition of the parish is about as at the last report. Mr. W. C. Gray is prosecuting his studies at Kenyon College. Mr. Joseph Gray will be ready to be ordained to the Lay-Diaconate in the month of June or July.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LAGRANGE.

Rev. William Fagg, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants.....4
Burials.....5
Marriages,.....2
Communicants—Former number.....30
Removed, ...1
Added,.....9
Present number,.....38
Sunday School—Teachers,.....7
Scholars,.....30
Contributions—For Episcopate,.....$25 00
Contingent expenses,.....3 50
The Offertory, about.....60 00
For Convocation and Church expenses,.....40 00

The Ladies have recently formed a Sewing Society, and in a few weeks have made, for the Church, about twenty dollars.

The Church is open for Divine Service every other Sabbath—Morning and Evening; and on every Friday Evening. The other half of my time, I officiate at St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County, Mississippi.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RANDOLPH.—*Vacant.*

No Report from this Parish.

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

Rev. C. T. Quintard, M. D. *Rector.*

Congregation—Familes,.....155
Baptisms—Adults 15, Infants 37....total.....52
Confirmed.....43.

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Communicants—Added anew.....46
Removed into the Parish,.....6
Died,.....3
Present number,.....202
Marriages,.....3
Burials,.....20
Children Catechised, First Sunday of every month.
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 8, Female 10 ...total.....18
Pupils, Male 45, Female 55....total.....100
Collections--Communion Alms,
Since January 1st,. $185 10
Weekly Offertory,.....731 63—916 73
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate.....650 00
Contingent Fund of Convention,...35 00
Episcopate fund, (*Easter Collection*,) 46 25
Dom. and For. Miss. Soc. ..Dom..220 00
" " For....20 00
Services of Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey,..500 00
Gas Fixtures,.....194 50
Communion Plate,.....206 00
Student at Kenyon College,.....100 00
Sunday expenses,.....456 00—$3344 48
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive,.....1800 00

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, T. W. Hunt.

The undersigned entered upon his duties as Rector of Calvary Church on the second Sunday in January 1857, previous to which date there had been four confirmations—one adult and fourteen infant baptisms. As the Parish has been some time without the regular services of a Rector, this Report is necessarily somewhat imperfect.

During the Lenten season there was daily Morning and Evening Prayers, with Homilies on Wednesdays and Fridays. During Holy Week full service and sermon every day.

The Church is to be so altered as to greatly increase its accommodation and convenience. Six thousand dollars have been appropriated for the purpose.

The Rector is rejoiced by many tokens of Divine favor, and by the evidences of increasing interest in the cause of Christ and the Church.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

Rev. John A. Harrison, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 32, (Adults, 82, Children 46)
Total number of Individuals,.....128
Baptisms—Infants, ...16

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Communicants—Died 1,—Present Number,.....57
Marriages,.....3
Burials,.....6
Public Services—on Sundays 93, on other days 26....total.....119
Children Catechised—number of times in Sunday School,.....4
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 4, Female 4....total.....8
Pupils,.....50
Collections—Communion Alms, $243 08, Sunday School $10—253 08
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate,.....$100 00
Contingent Fund of Convention,.....5 00
Pension Fund,.....9 80
Episcopate Fund, (*Easter Collection*,).15 40
Dioc. Miss. and Education Fund,....15 00
Dom. and For Miss. Soc.-Dom.....43 29
" " For.....15 00
Alms 10 00
Sunday School for Mrs. Thompson of the African Mission,.....10 00
Parochial Purposes,.....29 59—$253 08
Expended on Church improvements, about...300 00
Amount of Salary Clergymen is entitled to receive, $800 with Parsonage.
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, G. H. Hunt.
There is a small class awaiting confirmation at the present visitation of the Bishop.

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE.

Rev. J. A. Wheelock, *Minister.*

Congregation—Families 5, (Adults 20, Children 15,)
Total number of individuals,.....35
Communicants—Present number,.....10
Public Services, on Sundays, every two weeks unless prevented by sickness.
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 2, Female 3....total.....5
Pupils, Male 3, Female, 9....total.....12
Collections—Communion Alms,.....$9 25
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive, indefinite.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR.

Reported by the Warden.

Congregation—Families 15, (Adults, 33, Children 27)
Total number of individuals,.....60
Communicants—Present number,.....15
Marriages,.....1

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Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate,.....$100 00
Contingent Fund of Convention,.....5 00
Other purposes—collected and expended in repairing Church,.....65 00

The Parish has been vacant for the last sixteen months.

TRINITY CHURCH, TIPTON COUNTY.

Rev. J. A. Wheelock, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 19, (Adults 60, Children 35)
Total number of Individuals,.....95
Baptisms—Infants,.....31
Communicants—Added anew,.....1
Removed into the Parish,.....1
" from " 1
Repelled,.....1
Present number,.....44
Marriages,.....1
Burials,.....2
Collections—Communion Alms,.....19 15
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate,.....$50 00
Dom. and For. Miss. Soc.....Dom....15 00
Other purposes,.....15 00—$80 00

Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive, as much as he can get.

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, John F. Jett.

The Rector has received as a salary this year about $400.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE.

Rev. Thomas W. Humes, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 37, Adults 73, Children 94.....
Adults not in families 20— 93.....187
Baptisms—Children, white 10; Colored 2.....12
Confirmed,.....6
Communicants—Added anew,.....15
Removed into Parish,.....9
" from " 4
Present number,.....72
Marriages,.....4
Burials,.....8
Public Services, on Sundays 94, other days 60.....154
Children catechized—Number of times.....10
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 6, Female 5.....11
Pupils, Male 23, Female 23.....46

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Collections—Communion Offerings,.....172 15
Occasional Offertory,.....183 06
Other sources,..... .....5 96—$361 17
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate,.....90 00
Contingent Fund of Convention, ...10 00
Pension Fund,.....1 00
Episcopate Fund.....1 00
Diocesan Missions,.....30 00
Domestic Missions,.....35 00
Foreign Missions,.....30 00
Other purposes.....164 17—$361 17
Raised by subscription for Church improvement,.....120 00

$481 17

Amount of salary per annum, Rector entitled to receive, $800. Arrears of salary, say $450.

Name of Treasurer is GEORGE MCFARLANE.

Amount of indebtedness of the Parish, besides arrears of Rector's salary, is, say $100.

The Sunday School of the Parish for colored persons is still in successful operation.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Rev. W. M. STEEL, *Rector.*

Congregations—Families 14, (Adults 31, Children 31)
Total number of individuals.....62
Baptisms—Adults 1, Infants 6....total.....7
Confirmed,.....8
Communicants—Added anew.....3
Removed into the Parish.....3
" from " 1
Present number,.....32
Marriages,..... 1
Burials, ...1
Public Services—On Sundays 78, on other days 17....total.....95
Children catechised, number of times.....4
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 1, Female, 7....total.....8
Pupils, Male 17, Female 42....total.....59
Collections—Communion Alms,.....$28 65
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate,.....25 00
Episcopate Fund, (*Easter Collection*,)..2 50
Dom. Miss. Soc.,.....24 00
Other purposes,.....27 50
Proceeds of Concert applied to the liquidation of Church debt,.....137 00—244 65

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Amount of indebtedness of the Parish about $80 00.

Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive $300 per annum.

Arrears of Salary, if any, for '54 and '55 $15 50; for '55 and '56 $75 35, for '56 and '57 to date $251 00—total $341 85.

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, Wm. Jordon, Esq.

A good part of the current year's salary (which ends in June next) will no doubt be paid. Our Sunday School Miss. Soc. will not hold its annual celebration until May 30th when the boxes will be opened, consequently I have no amount to report for foreign missions. The prospects of the Church are I think slowly brightening

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CHATTANOOGA.

Rev. J. Sandels, *Rector*.

Congregation—Families 14, (Adults 36, Children 16)
Total number of individuals,.....52
Baptisms—Adults 1, Children 7,....total.....8
Confirmed.....3
Communicants—Added anew,.....3
Removed into the Parish,.....3
" from " 9
Repelled,.....1
Present number,.....15
Marriages,.....1
Burials,.....1
Public Services, regularly, except when absent on business of the Church.
Children catechised—The Rector being always present at Sunday School, he catechised the children very frequently, exact number of times unknown.
Sunday School—Teachers, male 1, Female 0.....1
Pupils, " 4, " 5.....9
Collections—Communion Alms,.....120 90
Appropriated—Support of Episcopate,.....40 00
Contingent Fund of Convention,....7 56
Dom. Miss. Soc.,.....42 00
Other purposes,.....55 80

Amount of salary Clergyman is entitled to receive, unknown.
Arrears of Salary, $110 00.

Name of Treasurer of the Parish, John J. Freeman.

The Rector being absent from his Parish at the time of the last Convention, no Report of the Parish was made. The present Report is for two years.

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GRACE CHURCH, LOUDON.

REV. J. L. GAY, *Missionary.*

Congregation—Families 12 (Adults 50, Children 25)
Total number of Individuals,.....75
Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants 1....total.....4
Communicants—Added anew,.....3
Removed into the Parish,.....1
" from " 4
Present number,.....6
Marriages,.....2
Burials,.....6
Public Services—on Sundays, 50, on other days, 10.....60
Collections—Communion Alms,.....$5 00
Appropriated—Dom. and For. Miss. Soc.,....Dom.,.....2 50
" " For.,..... ....2 50

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AMENDED CANONS.

CANON V.

SEC. 2. Every Minister of this Diocese shall, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, present or send to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number baptized and confirmed since the last annual Convention, the number of those who partake of the Lord's Supper, specifying the additions or removals that may have taken place; and the number of marriages and funerals: he shall also report the number of pupils and teachers connected with Sunday-school instruction in the parish, and the amount of the "Offerings of the Church;" stating the objects to which such offerings are appropriated, and what has been done in compliance with the requisitions of the Convention. (He shall also report the name of the Treasurer of the Vestry or congregation with which he may be connected as Rector or as officiating Minister.)

The parochial report may also present concisely any other matters of fact which show the state of the parish.

CANON VII.—*Parochial Assessments.*

SEC. 1. At each annual Convention, assessments shall be laid upon the several Parishes to provide for the support of the Episcopate for the ensuing year, and to meet the contingent expenses of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese to collect by draft upon the Treasurer of each Parish, or otherwise, the amount of its assessment in four quarterly instalments, viz: on the 1st of August, 1st of November, 1st of February, and 1st of May.

SEC. 3. In order to secure the punctual payment of these assessments, it shall be the duty of the Minister of each Parish—or in case the Parish be destitute of a Minister, the Senior Warden—to make provision by collections or otherwise, at least one week previous to the time each quaterly payment falls due, for meeting the drafts or calls of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall regularly charge the said assessments on his books against each vestry, crediting the same with payments when made; and shall report annually to the Convention the state of his accounts with each parish, which report shall be entered on the Journals of the Convention.

CANON IX.

Directing the mode of organizing the Convention.

The Convention shall be opened with prayer, after which the Bishop or Pesident of the Convention shall proceed to organize in the following manner. A list of the clergy entitled to seats furnished by the Bishop shall first be called. The Bishop or President, shall appoint a committee of two clergymen to examine the certificates of the lay delegates who shall report thereupon the names of such persons as are entitl-

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ed to seats. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a Secretary, which being done, the Bishop or President shall pronounce the Convention duly organized. The Convention sermon shall be preached by the Bishop or by some clergyman appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, in the (Morning) of the first day of the Convention.

CANON XI.—*Of the Pension Fund.*

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of every clergyman having charge of a parish in this Diocese, and of the Wardens where there is no Clergymen, to make a collection, annually, at Christmas, (or in some other mode, annually to obtain contributions,) for creating a permanent fund in aid of aged and infirm clergymen, together with the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen.

CANON XIV.

"It shall be the duty of every Parish in this Diocese to make a collection on Easter-day of each year, or in some other way annually to contribute towards erecting a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate.

The Convention shall appoint three Laymen to act as trustees of the Episcopate fund, to whose hands the fund thus collected, shall be entrusted, with any other monies or property which may be given by bequest or otherwise, for this purpose.

The trustees of this fund shall safely invest the same for accumulation until it shall reach the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, when the interest of the same, or income therefrom, shall be applied to the annual support of the Episcopate."

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" David Pise, D. D., Francis B. Fogg,
" Joseph J. Ridley, M. D., James B. Craighead.

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" David Pise, D. D., Samuel Oldham, M. D.,
" Chas. T. Quintard, M. D., J. John Jett.
" Thomas W. Humes, W. B. Reese, L L. D.

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James B. Craighead.

TRUSTEES OF THE PENSION FUND.

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CHARGE.

Dearly Beloved and Reven'd. Brethren!

In presenting children and others for the Rite of Confirmation, there is great danger, on the part of those who are Candidates for the privileges of this Rite, as well as, of those whose duty it is to prepare the properly for its profitable reception, of undervaluing or misapprehending the amount of Christian knowledge and experience which the Church expects and requires as previously necessary to its administration. There can be but little doubt, that the lukewarmness, not to say careless lives, of many who have renewed their Baptismal vows, in "The Laying on of Hands," is attributable to this lack of due preparation. Young people are found abstaining from the Lord's Supper immediately after their Confirmation, as if wholly unconscious of any inconsistency between their profession and practice; and older persons are observed to be living in such habits of worldliness, as might lead one to suppose that a renunciation of the "world, the flesh and the devil," had never entered into the number of their professed obligations. No wonder that this Rite, under such circumstances, should be regarded by many serious minded people, as of so little value that they should speak of its administration as bordering on a solemn mockery, and treat its claims to consideration as of so little worth. The fault lies chiefly in Parental neglect and Ministerial unfaithfulness.

Parents and Sponsors should remember that God holds them responsible for the religious well-being of the children committed to their care, to

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the fullest extent of their guardianship and influence over them. If bound by natural affection to provide for their temporal welfare, much more on the same principle and on the ground of acknowledged duty, are they under obligations to teach them their duty to God as the subjects of his moral government.

At Baptism a strict charge is given by the Minister to those who have the care of the child, that they teach him "*what a solemn vow, promise and profession he has there made by them;*" that it is their "*part and duty to see that he learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments,*" and then, it is added, in order that the whole round of Christian duty may be embraced, "*all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health.* Can any thing be more complete? All knowledge and faith necessary for the soul's health. Can any directions be more explicit? He shall be taught "the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments"—Faith to enlighten, Grace to strengthen, and Obedience the fruit. Can any reminding of one's duty be more solemn? A personal act bringing weighty obligations on a soul whose eternal happiness or misery will depend on the fidelity with which those obligations are met and discharged. Accordingly, we find that the Church has manifested her sense of the importance of all this, by providing a Catechism for the use of all her Baptised Children, so comprehensive as to embrace all needful points of faith and practice, so simple as to be level to the plainest understanding, and so concise as to be within the reach of the humblest capacity.

The duty of a Parent or Sponsor is not, I conceive, fully and adequately discharged by teaching a child the Catechism by rote merely. That may do for a beginning, when children are making their first attainments in learning. It is by no means all that is requisite as a preparation for Confirmation. The child must be taught by precept and example practically to recognize, daily and ever more, those great central truths embodied in the Creed, without which there can be no justifying faith, no true repentance and no godly life. How plain and explicit the instructions of the Catechism on this subject. In answer to the question "what dost thou chiefly learn by these Articles of Belief?" it is replied,

First, *I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the world.*

Secondly, *In God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind.*

Thirdly, *In God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the people of God.*

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The child who is duly prepared for Confirmation, must see in the conduct of those who have the care of his religious training, these truths exemplified. Little will it avail to enrich his mind with the store of human knowledge, unless his heart be softened by the dews of Divine Grace. And here is just the part of duty in which there is too much reason to fear that Parents and Sponsors frequently and grossly fail. They may pray for their children, but they do not pray *with* them. Their particular wants are not made the subjects of *special* prayer. They are not taken aside into the private Oratory or Closet, and their peculiar needs inquired into, and the voice of earnest supplication lifted up for them, in the affecting language of the aged Patriarch, "O that these my children might live before Thee! Alas!" this moving, heartfelt concern, if it exist at all, seldom finds expression in strong crying and entreaty for the spiritual life of the Children of the Church, but in efforts to make them rich in temporal goods or distinguished in worldly accomplishments. Herein there is painstaking enough. The sea and the dry-land are made tributary to the effort to make our children rich. The aid of the living and of the dead is invoked to make them learned and accomplished in their professions. O when will anything like the same anxiety and care be manifested to make them Christians! And yet it would seem that if any solicitude should weigh heavily and constantly upon the Parental heart, it ought to be that for the spiritual welfare of our offspring. By the love which God has implanted in our bosoms, He has spoken more emphatically to us than if He had proclaimed it by a voice uttered amidst the thunders of Sinai. We know not what may be the lot of our children in their pilgrimage through this world. We know that they are sprung from a corrupt stock, and that they like ourselves will be sinners. There is a root of evil in their natures which, if it be not eradicated by Divine Grace, or checked in its growth by timely watchfulness, will put off shoot after shoot of wickedness, till the whole soil of the heart is occupied, and the moral nature wholly corrupted. For Sin is never stationary. Its progress is always onward. It is like those trees of which we read in Eastern climes, whose far reaching branches put down shoots which rise again in stately trunks, and these again multiply their stems till whole acres are covered, while under the gloomy shade of their rank foliage excluding the light and heat of the sun, creep venomous reptiles and all loathsome things. Such is Sin in its occupancy of the human soul, ever striving to possess the whole ground, to exclude the light of truth and the influence of Heavenly Grace, and introduce its own loathsome brood of "vile affections and lusts."

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Our children too have come into a world eminently calculated by its pernicious maxims and wicked examples, to nourish their natural inclinations to depravity, and to swell the stream of corruption till it rise to a flood, and pour desolation over their whole moral and spiritual nature. The eye of the profligate, like the vulture, may easily mark them out for destruction. Men of malignant passions and desperate character may seek companionship with them, and patronize every step they take in iniquity, until a career of crime is terminated in a death of infamy, and a grave upon which there drops no tear of human commiseration.

Our children will be sufferers. It is conceded to none of the offspring of Adam to enter the Skies without pain. Nor should we exclude from our minds the thought that they may be subjected to suffering in its extreme forms, and under circumstances the most forlorn and helpless. On the Ocean, amidst the raging of its billows lashed into fury by the tempest, their last cries for mercy may mingle with the howlings of the waves. On the Land, in sickly and inhospitable Climes, where the red-eyed Pestilence marks his footsteps by desolation, where no father nor mother is near to support their drooping heads or wipe the cold death-drops from their pallid brows, it may be their lot to drain the cup of their sorrows, and close the wearisome journey of life. In cold and nakedness, in hunger and thirst, in poverty and neglect, on the sun-scorched desert, or in regions of thick ribbed ice, in haunts of low and infamous brutality, or in the dank and cheerless dungeon, on the gallows, by the hand of the assassin, on the battle field, or by any one of those ten thousand accidents which cut short human existence, who of us shall presume to say that his children may not meet with that "sudden death" from which we pray to be delivered, and which we know may at any moment arrest us any where on the broad face of that World, in which we are but sojourners. What Parent can sit down by his fire-side at home in the midst of his children, little groups of sufferers, and not instinctively ask himself the question—Is there no eye to pity these little ones when my eye is dim? Is there no ear to hear their groans when my ear is deaf? Is there no hand that will be stretched out to defend and protect when my hand shall be mouldering in the grave? Is there no invisible source of comfort and of succor to whom I may commit these beloved objects when I have left these earthly scenes, and passed to those changeless abodes where a father's care and love can avail them no more? Pressed by these painful considerations—considerations inseparable from the condition of mortality—we suppose a Parent will feel constrained to do all in his power not only to shield his offspring

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from dangers that threaten them in this world, but that he will invoke for them that grace and blessing, that love and care of our Heavenly Father which will be their best protection here and the surest guarantee of their safety hereafter.

For I remark once more, that our children will go to Eternity! Yes! Eternity with all its dread realities, with all its changeless solemnities, must be met by them, and is among the allotments of their future condition. Do we think of this often enough? Do we think of it with sufficient earnestness? With a seriousness answerable to the overwhelming consequences which follow upon its truth? Is the line of being upon which our children are travelling, to run on, when this great Globe shall be broken up into fragments? When the Heavens themselves shall pass away with a great noise and no place more be found for them? When the Earth and the Sea shall give up their dead? When all the hosts of Heaven, and all the legions of Hell, and the long line of Adam's race shall stand up before God, a countless army?—then, with what intense and overpowering interest ought we to regard their destiny! How ought every faculty of soul and spirit to be exerted, that they may be prepared for this awful scene! How ought every purpose, pursuit and occupation in life be formed, controlled and directed to the one paramount object of being accepted in the Day of Doom, and being enabled then to lift up our voices with joy and say, "Behold Lord! Thy servant and the children whom Thou gavest me!"

These considerations one might reasonbly suppose would evermore be uppermost in the mind of every Christian parent. They are equally proper to occupy the thoughts of the Christian Minister. But the Church hath thought good to add the authority of a special law to the obligations which have been adverted to, making it the duty of each Pastor carefully to instruct the children of his parish. The law is in these words, viz: "The Minister of every Parish shall diligently, upon Sundays and Holy days or some other convenient occasions, openly in the Church, instruct or examine so many children of his Parish, sent unto him, as he shall think convenient, in some part of this Catechism."

Here we find that the Church has ordered *how* this duty shall be performed—*diligently*. The word marks Her sense of the importance of the duty. It is something that she would not only enjoin as necessary to be done, but to be done *diligently*—that is, with the zeal and constancy which *love* inspires. And that no excuse may be alledged for its neglect or omission, on account of the want of time, she prescribes that it shall be done "on *Sundays and Holydays*"—the very seasons appropriated to the

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most important of all concerns, the care of the soul. And that no press of duty or engagement in the affairs of the Parish may justify any omission herein, it is added, "or on some *other convenient occasions*." Next she commands *where* it shall be done, "openly *in the Church*"—that all who choose may hear and learn "the words of Eternal Life." And then she directs the Minister as to *what*, he shall *instruct* or *examine* the children—that is, "in some part of the Catechism." It is recorded of Luther, Melancthon, Cranmer and many other great men distinguished for their services and sufferings in the cause of Christ, that towards the close of their lives, they gave up the reading and study of all books and betook themselves to the Bible and their Catechisms. They had become as little children, and as little children they wished to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

That the Minister may be encouraged and strengthened in the performance of so great and necessary a work, the law of the Church proceeds:

"And all Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Mistresses, shall cause their Children, Servants and Apprentices, who have not learned their Catechism, to come to the Church at the time appointed, and obediently to hear and be ordered by the Minister, until such time as they have learned all that is here appointed for them to learn."

The rule is very comprehensive, embracing every class in society who may be presumed to have the control of others—"Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Mistresses,"—extending to all conditions in life which may be reasonably supposed, from their dependence, to need instruction—"Children, Servants and Apprentices." It is enjoined upon the former to cause the latter to come to the Church to be instructed. How is this injunction of the Church ordinarily heeded by those who profess to reverence her authority? It is, I awfully fear, practically and habitually disregarded by the large majority of those who dwell in this nominally Christian land. There are thousands around us, "Children, Servants and Apprentices," wholly dependent for Religious training, upon those who "exercise rule and authority over them," that in the great Day of Eternity, may lift up the voice of bitter reproach, mingled with lamentation and say, "No man cared for our souls!" If there be reason to mourn over the prevalence of irreligion in the land, and the decay of piety and godliness among professed Christians, I am bold to say, that the efficient causes are to be traced to this neglect of duty on the part of the Laity, rather than any unfaithfulness among the Clergy. In this part of their office Ministers are powerless without the co-operation of the people. But where Parents and Sponsors

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do discharge this part of their duty, the Minister can be at no loss as to the amount of instruction to be given to those sent to him. He is to continue his labors till they have learned *the whole of the Catechism*, and then they are to be brought to Confirmation. For thus proceeds the rubric or Law of the Church :—

"So soon as children are come to a competent age, and can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and can answer to the other questions of this short Catechism, they shall be brought to the Bishop."

"And whensoever the Bishop shall give knowledge for children to be brought unto him for their Confirmation, the Minister of every Parish shall either bring, or send in writing, with his hand subscribed thereunto, the names of all such persons within his Parish, as he shall think fit to be presented to the Bishop to be Confirmed."

The whole of these directions look to attainments in Christian knowledge and character, which it is greatly to be feared are very injuriously if not fatally overlooked by many whose duty it is to prepare and present persons for Confirmation. The Church in all her Offices contemplates the highest proficiency in the divine life as the object aimed at by their administration, and a full understanding of their nature and due preparation, on the part of those capable of the same, in order to their profitable reception. Thus :—

"Baptism is a death unto sin and a new birth unto righteousness,"—pre-requisites to which are, "Repentance whereby we forsake sin, and Faith whereby we sted fastly believe the promises of God made to us in that Sacrament."

The first Rubric in the Office of Adult Baptism reads :—

"When any such persons as are of riper years are to be Baptized, timely notice shall be given to the Minister; that so due care may be taken for their examination, whether they be sufficiently instructed in the principles of the Christian Religion; and that they may be exhorted to prepare themselves with Prayers and Fasting, for the receiving this Holy Sacrament."

Here we find that "timely notice must be given"—due care taken for examination of the Candidate in the principles of the Christian Religion—and preparation made by prayers and fasting for so solemn an act. And then upon the administration of the Ordinance itself, the witnesses are exhorted to remind the person Baptized, "what a solemn vow, promise and profession they have made,"—how "they must grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and live godly, righteously and soberly, in this present world." While the Baptized are charged to remember, "that Baptism representeth unto us our profession; which is to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto Him; that as He died

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and rose again for us, so should we who are Baptized, die from sin and rise again unto righteousness," &c.

More, and surely not less than all this, may be reasonably expected in the way of Religious attainments, from those who having learned what their God-fathers and God-mothers promised for them in Baptism, come forward "in their own names and persons openly before the Church to Ratify and Confirm the same." *More* may be expected of them, because from infancy, if Sponsors and Ministers have been faithful, they have enjoyed the inestimable privileges and benefits of Religious training—they have almost from the beginning of life been in Covenant with God—the promises of God were visibly sealed to them in Holy Baptism, whereby they were "made Members of Christ, Children of God, and Inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven"—they have been taught their duty, and been the subjects of fervent and effectual prayer. None of which priceless advantages have been enjoyed, or at least in a very slight degree, by the unbaptized. But because it is said in the Rubric, "So soon as children are come to a competent age, and can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and can answer to the other questions of the Short Catechism, they shall be brought to the Bishop," to be Confirmed by him, therefore, many young persons think, and alas! some Ministers think with them, that if they can but repeat the whole of the Catechism by memory, they are fit and qualified subjects for Confirmation, and that this is all the preparation which the Church demands of them in order to the reception of that Rite which admits them to the highest privileges of a Christian.

It is not difficult to understand how this mistake comes about and may easily proceed to a fatal delusion. The language is quite common among us that the Word, Sacraments, Rites and Institutions of the Church are all Means of grace, and to be beneficial must be used; and hence the urgency with which they are recommended and pressed upon the attention and use of all men who attend our places of Worship. It is said that the use of these Means of grace is in our hands, the gracious effect of them dependent on God's blessing; that it is our duty to use them, and to look to God for their efficacy and sanctifying influence. This is often so broadly stated that no reference whatever is made to the qualifications of those who resort to them, and therefore many come to Baptism, Confirmation and the Lord's Supper without at all realizing that they are in the exercise of that Repentance and Faith which are the conditions of all promised blessings; and so they continue in the use of the Lord's Supper without

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any comfortable evidence to themselves that they are growing in grace or making any sensible progress in the divine life. The idea is, that the use of the Ordinances of the Church, irrespective of qualifications on the part of the receiver, will secure grace and be attended with blessings. I can conceive of few things more ruinous to every reasonable hope of spiritual improvement. It is a delusion of the Devil, and receives no countenance whatever from any thing taught in our Offices and Articles when fairly understood.

In the XXV Article of Religion it is said, "Sacraments ordained of Christ be not only badges or tokens of Christian men's profession, but rather they be certain sure witnesses, and effectual signs of grace, and God's good will towards us, by the which he doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm our Faith in him."

It would seem that some persons from this language are led to attribute to the use of the Sacraments a virtue and efficacy which surely the Church never intended to teach as belonging to them. They were not intended to inform us of the character and perfections of God, the nature of Sin, of the Incarnation, the Atonement, Faith, Repentance and Holiness. These things are to be learned from the Word of God—that enlightener and informer of the human understanding—that "lantern to our feet and light unto our paths"—that "undefiled Law which converts the soul—that sure Testimony of the Lord that giveth wisdom unto the simple." In short, there must be a proper degree of acquaintance with our own spiritual nature, a knowledge of our wants as sinners, and of the plan of Salvation through Christ, the exercise of repentance and faith, and a fixed purpose, by the Divine assistance, to lead a godly life, before we are duly prepared for Confirmation and the Lord's Supper. This is the lowest amount or degree of preparation with which any one ought to venture to approach these Ordinances; and this we understand to constitue that worthiness of meetness which fits us to receive, and not that worthiness of qualifications which may entitle us to demand, this great and inestimable privilege of coming into the Family of God, and of being "received as worthy partakers at His Holy Table." Those who rely so much upon the efficacy of the Sacraments as to countenance the idea that their administration is always and necessarily attended with benefits and blessings, might do well to consider the last clause of our XXV Article in these words:—"And in such only as worthily receive the same they have a wholesome effect or operation: but they that receive them unworthily, purchase to themselves damnation, as saith St. Paul."

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I am very far from wishing to discourage any, with right views of Religion, from coming to the Rite of Confirmation. Indeed the reluctance and timidity with which many are brought to the recognition and renewal of their Baptismal vows, doubtless constitute the true reasons why Ministers are sometimes found too urgent in their persuasions upon this subject. I entreat you, Brethren, to consider that where persons are Confirmed with low and inadequate views of their Religious obligations, they are seldom happy themselves, generally occasion deep concern and disquietude to the Ministry, and sometimes bring discredit upon their christian profession. This is presenting the ill consequences of such a course in the least unfavorable aspect in which it can be viewed. I am firmly persuaded that in the desire to present a considerable number for this Rite, the Clergy sometimes overlook the carefnl preparation which is fairly demanded for it. There is a strong temptation to do this. A Minister is desirous of having all the members of his flock come to the discharge of their duty. His representations of the danger of procrastination and neglect are frequent and earnest. Many are moved to enquire "what they must do to be saved!" and among these the Pastor not unfrequently finds it a task as ungracious as it is difficult to discriminate between those who are actuated by sound and enlightened views of the character and extent of Christian obligations, and others, who, without due examination and without counting the cost of what they are about to undertake, are influenced in their conduct by the lower considerations of a desire to please their friends and gratify their Minister.

It is exceedingly rare, therefore, that any one seeeking, is refused the Rite of Confirmation. Yet it is certain that it had been better for some, and for the Church, if they had been refused. Disguise it as we may, it is the fault of the Minister that they were not. It is impossible that the directions of the Church in this case can be mistaken. It is the bounden duty of each Parish Minister to know who is prepared or fit for Confirmation. Not only is all that, which Candidates for the Laying on of Hands are required to know, declared in plain and explicit terms, as I have already stated, but it is, moreover, made the duty of the Minister "either to bring or send in writing, with his name subscribed thereunto, the names of all such persons within his Parish, as he shall think fit to be presented to the Bishop to be Confirmed." Why all this particularity if it be not to impress upon the mind the importance of more than ordinary care in this case? A list is to be made out. A list to be made by the Minister. A list with his name subscribed. The Bishop is to take no other evidence of fitness.

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All indicates the greatest precaution on the part of the Church. Every thing shows that she expects her Ministers to be diligent and faithful. And these words of solemn admonition and warning, given at the time of their Ordination, should, methinks, be ringing in their ears on every occasion of Confirmation with startling distinctness. "And if any member of the Church do take any hurt or hinderance by reason of your negligence, ye know the greatness of the fault, and also the horrible punishment that will ensue."

We may add that the Office of Confirmation itself contemplates the same amount of preparation as having been made, of which we have been speaking, previous to its administration. None are allowed to be Confirmed "till they come to years of discretion." What is meant by this expression we may learn from that great and good Bishop of our own Church, the distinguished Dr. Hobart, of New York. "By this Order," he says, "the Church evidently designs more than that they should be able merely to say the words of the Catechism. They must have a full knowledge of its *meaning*. And it embraces a comprehensive view of the plan of Redemption, of Christain doctrine and duty, andhof the privileges of Christians; these must be understood and realized before children can be qualified for receiving that Holy Rite in which they pledge themselves to the belief of Christian doctrine, and to the practice of Christian duty, and in which their Christian privileges are assured to them. The age at which this knowledge can be attained, doubtless differs in different persons. And the particular age of admission to this Rite is not authoritatively determined. I seems necessary, however, to have some standard of age which children must attain before they can receive this Rite. And the age of Fourteen is generally recommended by the Bishops of the Church."

The demand is made of each one whether he acknowledges himself bound to believe and to do all things undertaken in Baptism—that is not only the profession of a right faith, but the obligation to live a holy life. Than this, no more comprehensive and searching confession of Christ can be or need be required of any one. And then follows the prayer for the *increase* of the manifold gifts of Grace—and immediately afterwards the invocation of defence and *increase* daily in the Holy Spirit. What can such language signify, if it be not a strengthening, an increase, an adding to the work of Divine Grace already begun in the soul, and thus carried forward under the gracious influences of the Spirit of God, until he who is the happy subject of such a work arrives at the stature of a perfect man in Christ Jesus!

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I conceive it, therefore, to be the bounden duty of Ministers in presenting persons for the Rite of Confirmation, to satisfy themselves in every case that there exists something more than a willingness or a desire to be Confirmed. There must not only be the required amount of intellectual preparation in having learned the Catechism, but likewise a reduction of that learning to practice. The Candidates should be students of the Word of God, when they can read and have leisure for it—they should be devotional in their daily habits—they should live constantly in the dicsharge of such duties of charity, and such acts of piety as will convince themselves, as well as others, that they are in good earnest for the salvation of their souls —that they feel the need of Divine Grace to strengthen their weak resolutions and feeble efforts—and that they are seeking the Ordinances of the Church to help them to lead godly and christian lives. Such is the amount of preparation which is indispensable, in my judgment, for the worthy and profitable reception of the Rite of Confirmation. And I feel confident that if Ministers generally would so teach those committed to their charge, there would be far less depreciation of the value and efficacy of the ordinance itself, and far less reason to complain of the careless and ungodly lives of many who have sought its privileges.

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LIST OF THE CLERGY,

1858.

THE RT. REV. JAMES H. OTEY, D. D.,
Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis.

THE REV. CHARLES F. COLLINS,
Rector of Zion Church, Brownsville.

" WILLIAM FAGG,
Rector of Immanuel Church, La Grange.

" J. L. GAY,
Missionary at Loudon and parts adjacent.

" JOHN GIERLOW,
Deacon, Missionary at Louisville.

" JOSEPH GRAY,
Deacon, Clarksville.

" JOHN A. HARRISON,
Rector of St. Luke's Church, Jackson.

" *JAMES HILDEBRAND,
Rector of St. John's Church, Ashwood.

" RICHARD HINES,
Rector of St. Mary's Church, Memphis.

" THOMAS W. HUMES,
Rector of St. John's Church, Knoxville.

" *JOSEPH H. INGRAHAM,
Mississippi.

" WILLIAM MOWBRAY,
Deacon, Missionary at Walden's Ridge.

" J. THOMAS PICKETT,
Rector of St. James' Church, Bolivar.

" DAVID PISE, D. D.,
Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

" CHARLES T. QUINTARD, M. D.,
Rector of Church of the Advent, and Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville.

" JOSEPH J. RIDLEY, M. D.,
Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville.

" MOSES S. ROYCE,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Franklin.

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THE. REV. JOHN SANDELS,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga.

" GEORGE P. SCHETKY, B. D.
Rector of Grace Church, Memphis.

" *ROBERT SHEPHERD,
England.

" LEONIDAS L. SMITH,
Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.

" JOHN A. WHEELOCK, B. D.,
Rector of Trinity Church, Tipton County.

" *GEORGE WHITE, D. D.,
Assistant Minister of Calvary Church, Memphis.

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*Not entitled to seats in the Convention.

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LIST OF PARISHES.

CHRIST CHURCH,	*Nashville.*
CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,	"
CHURCH OF THE ADVENT	"
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,	*Franklin.*
ST. PETER'S "	*Columbia.*
ST. JOHN'S "	*Ashwood.*
ST. MARK'S "	*Williamsport.*
TRINITY "	*Clarksville.*
CALVARY "	*Memphis.*
GRACE "	"
ST. MARY'S "	"
ST. LUKE'S "	*Jackson.*
ST. JAMES' "	*Bolivar.*
ZION "	*Brownsville.*
TRINITY "	*Tipton County.*
IMMANUEL "	*La Grange.*
ST. PAUL'S "	*Randolph.*
ST. THOMAS' "	*Somerville.*
ST. JOHN'S "	*Knoxville.*
*GRACE "	*Loudon.*
ST. PAUL'S "	*Chattanooga.*
ST. JAMES' "	*Greenville.*

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List of Clergymen entitled to seats who were not present in Convention.

Rev. JOHN L. GAY,
" JOSEPH J. RIDLEY, M. D.
" JOHN GIERLOW, (Deacon.)
" JOSEPH GRAY, "
" WILLIAM MOWBRAY. "

The following Clergymen, not members of the Convention, were present at its sittings:—

Rev. HENRY T. LEE, Diocese of N. C.
" JAS. W. ROGERS, " Mississippi.
" WILLIAM C. STOUT, " "
" GEORGE C. HARRIS, (Deacon,) "

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LaGrange, *Wednesday, May 26th*, A. D. 1858.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Tennessee, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled in Immanuel Church at half past 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Thomas W. Humes, assisted by the Rev. David Pise, D. D., the Bishop reading the Ante-Communion Service, assisted by the Rev. William Fagg, the Rector of the Parish.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. A. Wheelock, B. D., after which the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Fagg and the Rev. Mr. Sandels.

The Bishop took the chair and called the Convention to order.

He then caused to be read a list of Clergymen belonging to the Diocese, and entitled to seats, of whom there were present as follows:—

Rt. Rev. James H. Otey, D. D.,

Rev. William Fagg,	Rev. J. Sandels.
" Thomas W. Humes,	" George P. Schetky, B. D.,
" David Pise, D. D.,	" L. L. Smith.
" Charles T. Quintard, M. D.,	" J. A. Wheelock, B. D.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were laid upon the Secretary's Table, and referred to the Rev. Messrs. Quintard and Wheelock as a Committee, who reported the following as duly appointed:—

Christ Church, Nashville.	Francis B. Fogg, Godfrey M. Fogg, George H. Hunt.

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Church of the Holy Trinity,	Thomas Trainor, Robert Joynt, Sam'l P. Hunt, M. D.
St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	W. H. Hardin, John Baird, J. H. Devereux.
Trinity Church, Tipton County,	Joseph A. Green, Dabney Clement, M. D., William Terry, M. D.
St. John's Church, Knoxville,	H. A. M. White, Wm. P. Barker, Wm. B. Reese, Jr.
Immanuel Church, La Grange,	John Burton, Henry Burton, Thomas Rives.
St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga,	John C. Burch, James A. Whitesides.

The list being called by the Secretary, the following named Delegates appeared and took their seats:—George H. Hunt, William H. Hardin, John Burton, John Baird.

The Convention proceeded to elect a Secretary; and, on motion, the ballot being dispensed with, the Rev. David Pise, D. D., was unanimously re-elected, *viva voce*.

The President then declared the Convention duly organized.

On motion it was

Resolved, That Clergymen belonging to this Diocese, but not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen belonging to other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to take seats as honorary members of this Convention.

Whereupon the Rev. J. W. Rogers, of Mississippi, and Mr. Edward W. Gilliam, Candidate for Holy Orders in this Diocese, appeared and took their seats accordingly.

The Convention took a recess until 5 o'clock this Afternoon.

5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

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Rev. J. A. Harrison and Rev. M. S. Royce, and Mr. Francis B. Fogg appeared and took their seats.

Certificates of Lay Delegates from Parishes not represented this morning were laid on the Secretary's Table and referred to the Committee, who reported the following as duly elected:—

St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	James Caruthers, William H. Stephens, James L. Talbot.
St. James' Church, Bolivar,	D. I. Wells, Levi Joy, Thomas R. Smith.

The list being called, Messrs. Caruthers, Stephens and Wells, answered to their names and took their seats.

On motion,

The Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted to regulate the proceedings of the present Convention, as follows:

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the business of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without permission from the President.

6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the House, unless on a motion for reconsideration made by one of the majority.

7. No motion shall be considered as before the House, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

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8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately and without debate.

Application being made for the admission of the Church of the Advent, Nashville, and Grace Church, Memphis, into union with this Convention, Rev. L. L. Smith and Messrs. F. B. Fogg and John Baird were, on motion, appointed a Committee on Admission of Churches, to which were referred the aforesaid applications, with the accompanying papers.

Notice was given by Rev. Dr. Quintard that to-morrow he should introduce the following resolution:

Resolved, That Canon VII. be amended by adding thereto the following words: "nor allowed to take his seat until all arrearages against said Parish are paid."

The President of the Standing Committee read the following Report of that Committee—

The Standing Committee of the Diocese respectfully report to the Convention as follows:

On the 19th of June, 1858, they recommended George H. Hunt to be received a Candidate for Holy Orders: also, John Gierlow for Deacon's Orders.

On the 4th of July, 1857, they recommended William Mowbray for Deacon's Orders.

July 11th, 1857.—A meeting of the Standing Committee was called to take into consideration the death of the Rev. Charles Tomes, President of this Committee and Rector of the Church of the Advent, Nashville, who died July 10th, 1857. The Rev. Dr. Pise being called to the chair, and James B. Craighead, appointed Secretary, *pro tem*, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, This Committee has been deprived, by the death of the Rev. Charles Tomes, of an eminently important and efficient officer, a wise and prudent counsellor; *And whereas*, in this event, the Diocese has lost a prominent, able, and successful Minister; the Parishes of Christ Church and the Church of the Advent, Nashville, the *first*, over which he had presided for nearly nine years, the *last*, to which he had lately been elected Rector, have lost an able and instructive preacher, a faithful, earnest, laborious and self denying pastor; the

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Bishop of the Diocese has lost a dutiful son, and the Clergy a brother greatly beloved; the family an affectionate husband, and father, and provident head; wherefore,

Resolved, That in view of this mysterious providence we stand in awe of God, and bow in humble submission to His will, invoking His mercy to forgive our sins, and the aid of His Holy Spirit for comfort in our sorrows.

Resolved, That in this afflicting bereavement, we recognize the need of the awful monition to greater zeal and more laborious efforts for the promotion of God's glory in the edification and extension of His church.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the Records of the Standing Committee, and that a copy of the same be transmitted to the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, to the family of the deceased, and to the newspapers of Nashville, and the Church Periodicals, for publication.

July 13th, 1857.—Rev. Wm. D. Harlow was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Rev. Mr. Tomes, and the Rev. David Pise, D. D, was elected President and Secretary.

Joseph Gray was recommended for Deacon's Orders.

February 10th 1858.—Edward W. Gilliam was recommended as a candidate for Holy Orders.

February 18th, 1858.—George N. James and George S. Blackie, M. D., were recommended as candidates for Holy Orders.

April 15th, 1858.—Rev. John Gierlow (Deacon) was recommended as a candidate for Priest's Orders, and William H. Bowers as a candidate for Holy Orders.

DAVID PISE,
President and Secretary.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a Committee on Unfinished Business be appointed, to consist of one Clergyman and two Laymen: whereupon the chair appointed Rev. Dr. Quintard, William H. Stephens and Geo. H. Hunt.

On motion, it was further

Resolved, That an Auditing Committee be appointed, to consist of one Clergyman and two Laymen: whereupon the chair appointed Rev. Thomas W. Humes, James Caruthers and D. I. Wells.

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The Committee on Admission of Churches reported that the Articles of Association adopted by the Church of the Advent, Nashville, and Grace Church, Memphis, are according to Canon, and recommend that said Churches be admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted, and the said Churches admitted into union with the Convention.

Certificates of Lay Delegates from these Parishes were presented and referred to the proper Committee, who reported the following gentlemen as duly elected:—

Church of the Advent, Nashville,	Jas. B. Craighead, J. D. Martin, John Orr.
Grace Church, Memphis,	Charles Scott, R. B. Somerville, Matthew Hawks.

The list being called, Messrs. Craighead, Martin and Orr answered to their names and took their seats.

Application was made by St. Mary's Church, Memphis, for admission into the Convention, which, with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on admission of churches.

That Committee reported that the Articles of Association were according to Canon, and recommended that St. Mary's Church, Memphis, be received into union with this Convention; which recommendation was, on motion, adopted, and said Church admitted.

Certificates of Lay Delegates from said Church were presented and referred to the proper Committee, who reported the following as duly appointed: William Armour, J. A. Anderson, John P. Trezevant.

The list being called, all answered to their names and took their seats.

Certificate of Lay Delegates from Calvary Church, Memphis, being presented and referred, the following were reported as

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duly elected: W. B. Richmond, W. E. Rogers, M. D., and A. O. Harris. Mr. Harris appeared and took his seat.

The proposed alteration in the Constitution on page 10 of the Journal of the last Convention being brought before the House, it was, on motion, laid on the table for consideration to-morrow.

The Convention adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, May 27th, 8 o'clock A. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and in the absence of the Bishop, Rev. Mr. Humes was called to the chair. After Prayers by the President, the roll was called and Lay-Delegates, Henry Burton, Thomas Rives, Joseph Green, R. B. Somerville, Matthew Hawks, and Thomas R. Smith, not before present, appeared and took their seats. The Rev. Mr. Collins also appeared.

The Minutes of yesterday's Session were read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Harris, of the Diocese of Mississippi, took a seat in this Body under the Resolution of yesterday.

Certificates of Lay-Delegates from Zion Church, Brownsville, were presented, and referred to the Committee on elections, who returned Dr. Samuel Oldham, Messrs. James A. Boyd and Henry A. Rogers as duly elected. The list being called, Mr. Henry A. Rogers was present.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the House proceed to the election of the usual officers of the Convention; and the following elections were made by ballot:—

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. David Pise, D. D., Francis B. Fogg,
" Charles T. Quintard, M. D., James B. Craighead.
" J. J. Ridley, M. D.,

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DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. David Pise, D. D.,	Francis B. Fogg,
" C. T. Quintard M. D.,	J. F. Jett,
" Thomas W. Humes,	Samuel Oldham, M. D.,
" J. A. Wheelock, B. D.,	William H. Stephens.

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

The former Treasurer of the Diocese, A. O. Harris, having declined to serve again in that capacity, W. B. Richmond was elected.

TREASURER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, FOR THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE.

John Baird.

On motion, the election of Trustees of the Episcopate Fund, and of the Pension Fund was postponed.

On motion, the election by ballot was dispensed with, and the following elections were made:—

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Rev. William Fagg,	A. O. Harris,
" George P. Schetky,	John F. Jett.

TRUSTEE OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. John A. Harrison.

It was moved that there be an election of Trustees of the University of the South, which motion was laid on the table.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the salary of the Right Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese, be raised to $2500 per annum.

Francis B. Fogg, Esq., stated to the Convention that he had obtained an Act to Incorporate "The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee."

On motion, it was referred to a Committee of three.

The chair appointed on that Committee, Rev. Dr. Quintard and Messrs. W. H. Stephens and James Carnthers.

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The proposed amendment of Canon VII, of which notice was given to the Convention yesterday, was introduced, and on motion, referred to a Committee of three.

Rev. Messrs. Schetky and Hines, and Mr. Wm. H. Stephens were appointed on that Committee.

Rev. Dr. Quintard gave notice that he should introduce, tomorrow, the following resolution:

Resolved, That Canon VII be further amended by adding to the last clause of the same, "And also who is not a communicant of the Church."

The Rev. Mr. Royce introduced the following resolution.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to report, as soon a practicable, some plan for raising a permanent fund of sufficient amount for the support of the Episcopate.

The resolution was concurred in, and the chair appointed on that Committee, Rev. Messrs. Royce and Smith, and Messrs. A. O. Harris, W. H. Hardin, and J. P. Trezevant.

The Rev. Mr. Smith introduced the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Assessment on the Parishes for the support of the Episcopate be based on the number of white Communicants in the same.

Resolved, That the Assessment on each Parish of the Diocese shall be at the rate of —— dollars for each white Communicant.

Resolved, That an additional amount of —— cents on each white Communicant, be raised for the Contingent Fund of the Diocese.

On motion, the whole subject was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Smith and Schetky, and Mr. Wm. Armour.

The following resolution was offered and passed unanimously.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention be tendered to Mr. A. O. Harris, for his long and efficient services as Treasurer of this Diocese.

The Convention took a recess till 5 o'clock this Afternoon.

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5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention assembled, the Bishop in the chair. Rev. Mr. Pickett and Mr. Levi Joy appeared and took their seats.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the death of the Rev. Charles Tomes, late a Presbyter of this Diocese, and of the Right Rev. George Washington Freeman, D. D., late Missionary Bishop of Arkansas.

The chair appointed on that Committee, Rev. Dr. Quintard, and Messrs. F. B. Fogg and James B. Craighead.

On motion it was

Resolved, To adopt the substitute for Article 3rd, as proposed on page 10th of the Journal of 1857, which reads as follows:—

Article 3rd. A Convention of the Churches in this Diocese shall be held annually at such time and place as the last preceeding Convention may appoint; and the Bishop, or if there be no resident Bishop, the Standing Committee may, for any good or urgent cause moving thereto, change the time or place appointed; and whensoever he or they may deem it expedient, may call a Special Convention at such time or place as he or they may think suitable.

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution and Canons, appointed at the last Convention, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to revise the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, beg leave to report—

That it has been impossible for them to hold any meeting, or take any action thereon, and ask most respectfully to be discharged, and recommend that a Committee of two Presbyters and one Layman be appointed to that work.

C. T. QUINTARD,
WILLIAM ARMOUR,
J. F. JETT.

On motion it was resolved that the Committee be discharged.

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On motion of Mr. Baird, it was

Resolved, That the President appoint an Engrossing Committee, whose duty it shall be to prepare for publication the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, as they may stand altered or amended on the adjournment of this Convention; and that the Secretary have the same published for the use of future Conventions, the expense of publication to be paid from the Contingent Fund of the Diocese.

The Chair appointed on this Committee the Rev. Dr. Pise, and Mr. John Baird.

The Committee to whom was referred papers relating to the Incorporation of the P. E. Church in the State of Tennessee, made the following report:

The undersigned, a Committee to whom it was referred this day, to report upon the propriety of accepting in behalf of the Diocese, the Act of Incorporation passed by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, on the 13th day of March, 1858, respectfully report to the Convention:—

That they have had the matter under consideration, and do recommend the acceptance of said Act of Incorporation.

May 27, 1858. Respectfully submitted,

C. T. QUINTARD,
JAMES CARUTHERS,
WM. H. STEPHENS.

Whereupon the Report of the Committee was accepted and the accompanying recommendation unanimously adopted. (Vide Appendix A.)

The following persons were appointed a Committee on Assessments.

Rev. L. L. Smith, *Chairman*.
" C. T. Quintard,
" Thos. W. Humes,
" John Sandels,
" Moses S. Royce,

F. B. Fogg,
James B. Craighead,
John Baird,
A. O. Harris,
William Armour,
James Caruthers,
D. I. Wells,
John Burton,
Henry A. Rogers,
Joseph A. Green,
Robert B. Somerville.

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On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee to whom were referred the Resolutions introduced by Rev. L. L. Smith, relating to the Assessment of Parishes, be discharged, and that the Resolutions be referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The Committee on the endowment of the Episcopate made a Report which was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The Rev. Wm. Stout, of Mississippi, was invited to a seat in the Convention under the Resolution of yesterday.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

FRIDAY, May 28th, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled, the Bishop in the chair.

After prayers by the President, the roll was called and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Hines appeared and took his seat.

William B. Richmond, Lay Delegate from Calvary Church, Memphis, was also present.

Certificate of Lay Delegates from Trinity Church, Clarksville, was laid on the Secretary's Table, and referred to the Committee on Elections, who reported the following as duly elected: Gustavus A. Henry, W. J. Castner and Hugh H. Poston.

The list being called, no one of this delegation was in attendance.

The Report of the Committee on the endowment of the Episcopate, being the order of the day, came up for consideration, and the recommendations of the Committee, after being amended, were adopted as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That any surplus that may remain in the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, at the close of each financial year (after paying the salary of the Bishop and defraying the contingent expenses of the Convention,) shall be paid into the hands of the Trustees of the Episcopate Fund, to be invested as other moneys are.

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2. That the Standing Committee of the Diocese be authorized and requested to appoint some suitable person as Agent, whose duty it shall be to *solicit donations* of *land*, *moneys*, *or other property*, for the support of the Episcopate, to *preserve the deeds* of lands so donated to the Convention, to *pay the taxes* on said lands, to *make contracts* for the *renting* of the same, and to transact any other business in connexion with the said lands that the interests of the Church may require. *Provided*, *however*, that lands so donated shall not be *sold*, unless by order of the Convention.

3. That any moneys required for the payment of taxes and other expenses on such lands be paid by the Trustees of the Episcopate Fund to the agent, until such time as the rental of said lands or the donations in money collected by them shall pay a sufficient amount to cover all expenses on them; and that when the rental shall exceed the expenses, the Agent shall pay the overplus to the Trustees of the Episcopate Fund.

4. That all moneys collected by the Agent, as contemplated in resolution 2, after paying land taxes and other necessary expenses, be paid over, as received, to the Trustees of the Episcopate Fund, for such investment as they may deem proper.

Notice was given by Mr. James B. Craighead that he should introduce, to-morrow, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the words "or in some other way annually to contribute," where they occur in Canon XIV, be hereby expunged, and that there be substituted the words, "or in case of there being no service on Easter, then on the next Sunday on which service may be held."

Resolved, That the words, "or in some other mode annually to obtain contributions," where they occur in Sec. 1 of Canon XI, be stricken out.

The proposed amendment of Canon VII, by adding "nor be allowed to take his seat until all arrearages" &c., came up for consideration, and was referred to a Committee.

The Chair appointed on that Committee Rev. Richard Hines, Rev. G. P. Schetky, and Mr. William H. Stephens.

On motion, the Parochial Reports, together with the Bishop's Address, were referred to a Committee, with instructions to make up from them a table of Statistics. George H. Hunt and John Orr were appointed on that Committee.

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Leave of the Convention being granted, the Secretary appointed Rev. Richard Hines as his Assistant.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the part of the Bishop's Address relating to the Columbia Female Institute be referred to a Committee.

Whereupon Rev. J. A. Wheelock, Rev. J. Sandels, and Mr. James Caruthers were appointed on that Committee.

The Committee on the amendment of Canon VII., made the following Report.

A majority of the Committee to whom was referred the resolution to amend Canon VII., by adding the words, "nor be allowed to take his seat until all arrearages to the Episcopate and Contingent Fund are paid," respectfully recommend the adoption of the resolution to amend.

RICHARD HINES,
GEO. P. SCHETKY.

The undersigned is unable to concur in the above report.

WILLIAM H. STEPHENS.

The motion to adopt, the resolution still pending, the House took a recess till 5 o'clock this Afternoon.

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5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled, the Bishop in the Chair.

Messrs. James L. Talbot and Thomas R. Smith appeared and took their seats.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the death of the Rev. Charles Tomes, and also of the Right Rev. George W. Freeman, D. D., made the following Report, which was ordered to be entered on the Journal of this Convention:

REPORT.

That is a sad duty which has devolved on your Committee. We are to speak of one, a brother beloved, whose presence has for years added to the joy that quickened us when coming together to take sweet counsel for the cause of Christ and His Church.

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To speak words of eulogy, we cannot—for his works, his labors, his devotion, are his highest praise. Year after year as we have assembled in Convention, we have found our departed brother, until this year. From the year of his ordination, 1844, he was never absent from one meeting of this body when entitled to a seat in it; and, on every occasion, with a single exception, he has been present at the opening of the Convention. The Committee therefore beg leave to report, that

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, since the meeting of our last Convention, to remove from the companionship of our labors in the Church Militant, to the rewards of the Church Triumphant, our beloved brother, the Rev. CHARLES TOMES,

Resolved, That while we deeply feel our loss, we adore Him who hath appointed it.

Resolved, That the example of our departed brother, in giving himself wholly to the work of Christ and the Church, in his abundant labors, in his unwavering devotion to duty, his carefulness and watchfulness for the peace and prosperity of the Church in this Diocese, the faithfulness with which he performed all his work as President of the Standing Committee, as a Delegate to the General Convention, and as an active and prominent member of this body, demands from us the highest commendation and most loving emulation.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the immediate family and friends of our deceased brother, and that the Secretary be instructed to forward to them a copy of these resolutions.

And the Committee beg leave further to report in reference to the loss which the Church has sustained in the removal of our Rt. Rev. Father, the venerable Missionary Bishop of Arkansas and the Indian Territory:

Resolved, In humble submission to the will of Divine Providence, that the Convention has heard with deep regret of the removal of the Rt. Rev. GEO. W. FREEMAN, D. D., by death, from the scenes of his earthly labors.

Resolved, That we entertain a profound respect for the sterling integrity of his character and the value of his services to the cause of religion in the wide and difficult field of his labors.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy and condolence to the

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family of our Rt. Rev. deceased Father, and to the people of his late charge.

C. T. QUINTARD,
FRANCIS B. FOGG,
JAMES B. CRAIGHEAD.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in Knoxville on the third Wednesday in May, 1859.

The resolution to amend Canon VII. by adding to the last clause of the said Canon, the words, "and also who is not a communicant of the Church," came up for consideration, and after much discussion, was, on motion of Mr. Fogg, seconded by Dr. Quintard, laid over until the next Convention.

The Committee on Assessments made their Report, recommending that the resolutions referred to them be laid on the table; which recommendation was adopted.

The same Committee also recommended the following schedule for the current year, which was adopted:

	For the Episcopate.	For the Contingent Fund.
Christ Church, Nashville,	$350	$21 00
Advent "	250	15 00
Holy Trinity "	10	60
Calvary, Memphis	450	27 00
Grace, "	125	7 50
St. Mary's, "	150	9 00
St. Peter's, Columbia	150	9 00
St. John's, Ashwood,	50	3 00
Trinity, Clarksville,	200	12 00
Immanuel, LaGrange,	50	3 00
St. Luke's, Jackson,	150	9 00
St. John's, Knoxville,	100	6 00
McMinn and Monroe counties	25	1 50
St. James, Bolivar	60	3 60
Trinity, Tipton county,	75	4 50
Ravenscroft Chapel	50	3 00
St. James, Greenville,	30	1 80
St. Paul's, Franklin,	35	2 10
Zion, Brownsville	40	2 40
St. Mark's, Williamsport	20	1 20

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St. Paul's, Chattanooga	30	1 80
St. Thomas, Somerville	25	1 50
Ripley	100	6 00
	$2,525	$151 50

The Auditing Committee, to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report—

Reported that they found the amounts correct.

On motion, it was laid on the table till to-morrow morning.

Mr. Francis B. Fogg offered the following Resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted:

Resolved, That in all cases where deeds of conveyance have been made to Trustees for the benefit of a parish for land and other property, that at the request of the Vestry of said parish, the Trustees or Trustee may convey the land or other property to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee as a Corporation, to be held on the same trusts and for the same purposes as provided in the original deeds of conveyance. Where conveyances have been made to the Bishop of this Diocese as a Trustee, he may convey the same to this Corporation, to be held on the same trusts and uses as declared in the original deed, will, or other instrument. In the Articles of Association where it is provided that the estate shall be vested in the Bishop, the same shall be vested in this Corporation for the same purpcses as it was vested in the Bishop.

Resolved, That the Bishop be authorized to receive any Deed or Gift to this Corporation.

The Convention adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, May 29th, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment, the Bishop in the chair. After prayers by the President, the roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

Certificate of Lay Delegates from St. Thomas' Church, Somerville, was presented and referred to the proper Committee, who reported Thomas R. Cocke and George S. Phillips as duly elected.

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Their names being called, Mr. Philips appeared and took his seat.

The Treasurer's Report was brought up, and on being read, was ordered on the Journal, (Vide Appendix B.)

The proposed amendment of Canon XIV. came up, and was adopted, to read as follows:—

It shall be the duty of every Parish in this Diocese to make a collection annually on Easter, or the Sunday next after Easter on which service may be held, towards creating a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate. The Convention shall appoint three Laymen to act as Trustees of the Episcopate Fund, to whose hands the fund thus collected shall be entrusted, with any other moneys or property which may be given by bequest or otherwise for this purpose.

The Trustees of this fund shall safely invest the same for accumulation until it shall reach the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, when the interest of the same, or the income therefrom, shall be applied to the annual support of the Episcopate.

The proposed amendment to Section 1 of Canon XI. was also adopted, making it, as amended, read as follows:

Sec. 1.—It shall be the duty of every Clergyman having charge of a Parish in this Diocese, and of the Wardens where there is no Clergyman, to make a collection annually at Christmas for creating a permanent fund in aid of aged and infirm Clergymen, together with the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.

The Convention proceeded to the election of Trustees of the Episcopate and the Pension Funds.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following elections were made:

EPISCOPATE FUND.

Francis B. Fogg, James B. Craighead,
John Baird.

PENSION FUND.

Rev. George P. Schetky, E. P. McNeal.
" Richard Hines, R. B. Somerville.

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The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society made a Report, which was read and ordered to be appended to the Journal. (Appendix C.)

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relative to the Columbia Female Institute, report:

That they are much gratified to find that Institution, which has been the object of so much solicitude to our beloved Diocesan, and to the friends of Christian education throughout the Diocese, in a very flourishing condition, and promising, at an early day, to realize the fond anticipations of its founders. The number of pupils is now larger than at any time since the change in its administration, and never since it was first opened, has the Institute had a more efficient corps of Teachers. These with its popular Principal and his excellent lady, give to your Committee a guarantee that the Institute is now educating, and will continue to educate Christian women, who will be an ornament and an honor to society.

The buildings, which, when the present Principal took charge of it, were in a somewhat dilapidated condition, have been so far repaired as to secure the comfort of the pupils, but not to an extent to secure the durability of the Institute.

But still the fact stares us in the face that this Institution does not as yet belong to the Church, nor can it, till a paltry debt of some six hundred dollars be paid. Through the exertions of an agent appointed a few years ago, the debt is reduced to this amount, and it would be truly a lamentable case if, for want of a little exertion to raise this sum, this noble Institution should be lost to the Church. In addition to the amount necessary to pay off the debt, which is now but six hundred dollars, an additional expenditure to make the repairs complete and durable, and to erect a building sufficient to furnish recitation rooms and sleeping apartments for an increased number of pupils, such as the growing interest of the Church and the increasing popularity of the Institution require, is requisite, and your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we do most earnestly recommend this Institute to the confidence and patronage of the people of Tennessee, and of the Church generally.

Resolved, 2. That an Agent or Agents be appointed by the

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Convention to solicit means to pay off the present debt and to erect an additional building.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. WHEELOCK,
W. B. RICHMOND,
JAMES CARUTHERS.

On motion, the above resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Quintard—

Resolved, That the Principal of the Institute be authorized to act as Agent for the collection of funds, not only for the liquidation of the old debt but also for the erection of suitable buildings, and that he be authorized to employ such assistants as he may think expedient.

The Committee to whom was referred the Bishop's Address and the Parochial Reports, made a Report, which was recommitted.

On motion, the Rev. J. T. Pickett was added to that Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Humes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed, who, with the Bishop of the Diocese, shall take into consideration the propriety of an appeal to the Churches of the Diocese in behalf of the African Mission, and, if they deem it advisable, to address a letter to the Clergy and Laity upon the subject.

The Chair appointed Rev. Thos. W. Humes, Rev. David Pise, D. D., and Messrs. Francis B. Fogg and Wm. H. Stephens.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the amendments of the Constitution and Canons "Proposed" in the General Convention of 1856, be appended to the Journal of this Convention. (vide Appendix B.)

Convention took a recess till 5 o'clock, P. M.

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5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention reassembled, the Bishop in the chair.

On motion it was

Resolved, That 500 copies of the Journal be printed and distributed under the direction of the Secretary.

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The Rev. Mr. Schetky offered the follow resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Convention be, and are hereby, returned to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Immanuel Church, LaGrange, for the liberal and convenient arrangements made for the accommodation of the members of this Convention.

Resolved, That this Convention cannot terminate its present Session without expressing its grateful sense of the delightful hospitality extended by the people of LaGrange to the members of this Convention, and that the Rector of Immanuel Church give such publicity to this resolution as he may deem expedient.

The subject of establishing a Church paper in the Southwest was brought before the Convention.

After extended remarks from several members of this Convention, and others, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That this Convention cordially approve of the project of a Church Paper for the Southwest.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take such steps as may be necessary to further so important a project.

The Chair appointed Rev. Dr. Quintard, Rev. Mr. Schetky, and Mr. W. H. Stephens.

The Committee on Parochial Reports reported an abstract of statistics, which was ordered to be appended to the Journal. (Appendix E.)

Rhe Rev. Mr. Schetky offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention deem it expedient, and hereby recommend, that each Parish Clergyman in the Diocese having charge of but one Parish, and having no connexion with any Convocation already existing, spend an amount of time bearing a proportion of not less than one week for every three months in the performance of Missionary duty at some point or points adjacent to his Parish, with the hope of organizing new Parishes, or aiding those too feeble to support a Clergyman.

Resolved, That each Clergyman so performing Missionary duty make a full report of his Missionary labors to the Bishop.

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On motion of Mr. Fogg, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of two Presbyters and one Layman be appointed to revise the Canons of this Diocese, and report any additions or alterations thereof to the next Convention.

The Chair appointed Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. C. T. Quintard, and Francis B. Fogg.

The Minutes of this day's proceedings were read and approved.

The House then, on motion, resolved to adjourn after the usual devotions.

Whereupon, after singing a Hymn, and the Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

Attest: JAMES H. OTEY,

DAVID PISE, *Sec'y.* *President of the Convention.*

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ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

In laying before you my Annual Report, as the Canon directs, of the labors and official duties of the past conventional year, I feel not only depressed by the small results of those labors in the exhibition of any very visible improvement in the field which God's providence has called us to cultivate, but oppressed by a sense of bereavements, sorrows and afflictions which have marked the interval since we last met together. In these trials I feel assured that you have deeply and sincerely sympathized with me.

Our conventions have generally been to us occasions of gladness; their pleasure marred only by observing the vacant places which death had made in our ranks. It is this, conjoined with the remembrance of the departed, but never to be forgotten, vividly brought to mind, especially in this house and on this day, that lays on some of us a weight of sorrow, lightened only by the hope of the eternal blessedness of those who have preceded us to that better land, where "there remaineth a rest for the people of God."

Years gone, the corner stone of this house in which we are now assembled, was laid by me in the presence of a large concourse of interested spectators. Our gifted brother Alston was then here, and, with words of almost seraphic fire, animated us, with the gathered multitude which filled a wide space around these walls, to work diligently and hopefully for the honor of our God and the cause of Christ in our world. A few years rolled away and we had to say of him, "He is gone."

And the loved and loving Litton was here then, with face

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beaming with the brightness of hope realized in laying the foundations of a house to be builded for God. He saw the cross, the symbol of our redemption, raised upon its spire, and here, under its prestige, battled faithfully against the world, the flesh and the devil, until withering disease laid its hand upon him and drove him far away from this scene of his labors to seek for health and strength; to linger through long months of wasting sickness and pain; to pine away and die. Of him, we had to take up the words of sorrow also, and say "He is gone!" And there were others who were of our company dearly beloved and honored; some of whom preceded those, and others that followed them. CHILTON, and the younger STEPHENS, and the venerable father of the last named, who, having finished their course in faith, by the will of God, "fell asleep in Jesus!" And now we have to speak of another who was faithful, true and affectionate, and especially a lover of the brethren: one whose daily food, we may almost say it was, to work for "Christ and his Church." Never was he so contented, never so well pleased, as when engaged in preaching the gospel, in visiting the sick, relieving the poor and suffering, and reclaiming the erring and the lost. Among the last intelligible words that fell from his lips were these: "Brethren! the gospel must and shall be preached to the poor." "Through good and through evil report, he was bold in his God to preach the Gospel of Christ, even with much contention." For eight years his voice was heard daily at morning and evening prayer in Christ Church, Nashville, as a warning testimony to the people of his charge of the value of the soul, and admonishing them to set their affections on things above. Never was he absent, unless prevented by sickness, or other and more imperative calls of duty. Few gave him countenance or sympathy in his arduous labors. Few were moved by his example. Often indeed, not more than one voice was heard to respond to his own in offering prayer and giving praise to God in the courts of his Sanctuary. He now speaks to those for whom he gave his all, yea, his own life also, from the grave in which he is at

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rest! May they hear at last, and "give heed to the things that make for their peace."

He departed this life at his own home, near Nashville, on the 10th of July last, surrounded by his weeping family and friends, whose prayers and love, had it seemed good to God to answer them, would have procured for him a longer continuance amongst us. He fell asleep without a struggle or groan; full, we believe, of "faith, hope and charity;" cherishing plans of usefulness, and animated to the last with the desire of extending the church of Christ and making known his unsearchable riches to perishing sinners. Of him, we can truly say, as did David of his beloved Jonathan, whom he loved as his own soul, 'I am distressed for thee, my brother! very pleasant hast thou been unto me.'"

But the mournful list is not yet completed of those connected with us by the endearing ties of brotherhood, and of whom we have to say "They are gone!" JOSEPH E. FRANKLIN, one of our candidates for orders; a young man of much promise, very faithful in the discharge of all christian and social duties, and whose conscientiousness manifested itself in a noteworthy manner in his last days by attention to the minutest particulars of duty, fell sick during the month of February, and the close of March witnessed his departure to a world of rest and peace.

There is yet another of whom we have here to make mention. On the 29th April, at Little Rock, Arkansas, the Rt. Rev. Dr. FREEMAN, Miss. Bp., entered into his rest, after a protracted and painful illness. He was a man of sterling integrity, unflinching fidelity in the maintenance of truth, and bold to rebuke sin and ungodliness, He had a hard and unfruitful field of labor, and the evening of his days was overcast by the shadows of sore bereavements in the death of his pious and excellent wife and one of his sons.

Thus, brethren, the year past has furnished to us frequent and distressing admonitions of our mortality. Those whom we knew and loved—who stood almost by our sides—have been stricken down, and now call to us from their recently made

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graves to "be ready," in the manifest fulfilment of the Saviour's warning, "In such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." Very soon it will be said of each one of us, "He is gone!" Happy for us, if like our departed friends and brothers, we shall "be found watching."

I proceed to detail the official and other acts of my ministry.

Sunday, May 24, 1857.—I confirmed *a person* in private at Jackson, Tenn., and at night in St. Luke's Church, in the same town, I confirmed *seven* persons, after sermon by the Rev. Charles Tomes.

Tuesday, 26*th.*—I left for Chapel Hill, N. C., to fulfill an appointment to preach the annual sermon before the graduating class of the University. This duty was performed on the night of June 1st, in the chapel of the University, after prayers by the Rev. Dr. Wheat, in the presence of the faculty, trustees, students, and a very numerous promiscuous assembly. The day previous, I preached in the forenoon and at night in the Episcopal Church at Chapel Hill, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Lee, and assisted him the administration of the Eucharist. I reached Murfreesboro, on my return, on the 6th June, and on Sunday, the 7th, I preached three times in the Presbyterian Church to large congregations, after such use of the P. book as I could make before a people unaccustomed to responsive worship.

Leaving Murfreesboro on the 8th, I arrived the same day at McMinnville, in the neighborhood of which place I spent two days with Dr. W. S. Reid and family. These worthy and excellent people have made strenuous efforts for years past to secure the services of a clergyman of our church, of which five of them are communicants, but, heretofore, their exertions have proved fruitless.

Wednesday 10*th.*—I read prayers and preached at night in the Cumberland P. Church at McMinnville.

Sunday, 14*th.*—At Beersheba Springs, I preached after morning prayer by Bishop Polk, of Louisiana, and on the 16th and 17th, after like services, I preached again in McMinnville.

The whole of Monday, 18th, was employed in exploring Ben

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Lomond, a mountain in the neighborhood of McMinnville, and one of the sites proposed for our contemplated University.

Sunday 21*st*.—I read prayers and preached at Beersheba, and on

Sunday, 28*th*.—I performed the like services in McMinnville.

Tuesday, 30*th*.—I read prayers and preached in a school house near Dr. Reid's. Through all the vicissitudes of fortune and trials growing out of feeble health, this family have persevered in an unfaltering attachment to the Church. It is one, among many other instances I have known, well calculated to excite the sympathies of the christian heart, but for the relief of which I know no means and possess no power. May the Lord send forth laborers into his harvest.

I left for Chattanooga, and arrived there on the 2d July. The next day was employed in making explorations to find a suitable site for the University.

July 4*th*.—On Lookout Mountain, by appointment, I delivered an address to the commissioners appointed by the nine south-western dioceses to consider the subject of establishing a University in the South. Eight Bishops were present, and a very large audience. After the address, which was listened to with gratifying attention, the bishops, and clerical and lay commissioners organized themselves into a body for the transaction of business. The journal of proceedings, &c., have been published.

Sunday, *July* 5.—With the aid of the Bishops and clergy assembled, we were enabled to have services to-day at several places. Bishops Green and Rutledge, attended by several brethren of the ministry, officiated at Chattanooga; the former at the Presbyterian Church, the latter at the Episcopal Chapel, where the Holy Communion was likewise administered.

On Lookout mountain, a commodious room in a Hotel was used by us for celebrating divine worship. Morning prayer was read by Rev. H. C. Lay, of Ala., and the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cobbs preached. The Rev. Jno. Sandels presented Mr. Wm.

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Mowbray for the office of permanent Deacon. After examination before the Congregation, the Litany was read by Bishop Davis, of S. C., the Ante-Communion service and Epistle by Bishop Polk, of La. I ordained the candidate, and, assisted by Bishop Elliott of Ga., administered the Holy Communion. About fifty present partook of the Sacramental feast. At 5 P. M. we were favored by Bishop Elliott with a sermon, and at night with one by Bishop Polk, after the usual devotions by Bishop Davis. We felt that the season was a "time of refreshing from the Lord," and that it was good and pleasant to be there, and in the midst of scenes of grandeur and beauty surrounding us, to "worship Him who is God over all blessed forever!"

Monday, 6*th*.—The Commissioners assembled this morning, and in the course of the day, having transacted all the business entrusted to their management in the greatest harmony, they adjourned to meet again at Montgomery, Ala., on the 25th day of November. Among the most important measures adopted at the meeting on Lookout mountain, was the appointment of a Committee on Locations, to collect information and report to the Board of Commissioners, in order to enable them to select a suitable site for the proposed University, and also a Committee to procure a charter of incorporation from the Legislature of Tennessee.

From the 7th to the 10th July, I was in attendance on our lamented Brother, the Rev. Charles Tomes. On Friday the 10th, he entered, as we trust into that "rest which remaineth for the people of God," "into the joy of that Lord whom he strove to serve faithfully, with his spirit, in the Gospel." He was committed to the grave on Sunday the 12th, in hope of a joyful resurrection; the Rev. Messrs. Pise and Harlow officiating on the occasion. A very large procession and the closing of the Churches in the city of Nashville, during the performance of the funeral rites, evidenced the deep interest and respect with which he was regarded by the community.

Sunday, 19*th*.—I baptized two children in Christ Church,

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Nashville, at morning prayers, after which Mr. Joseph Gray and Mr. John Gierlow were presented by Rev. Mr. Harlow for Deacon's orders. Due examination was made of their qualifications before the congregation. Bishop Elliott preached the sermon; the candidates were then ordained by myself, and the Holy Communion administered.

July 26, *and August* 2, *Sundays.*—Preached in Christ Church, Nashville, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Harlow.

August 5th.—Left Nashville for Riverside, in Tennessee, to consecrate a Church, erected by the request and out of the means of the late Jno. McGhee, Esq., and stopping on the way at Athens, I preached August 6th, at night to a small congregation, after prayers by Rev. John Gierlow.

I arrived at Riverside, the residence of Mr. J. W. J. Niles, on Friday evening, August 7th. The following day was spent chiefly in preparing the necessary papers for consecrating the Church, which were presented to the parties interested in the property, and were duly signed by them.

As my proceedings on the occasion of consecrating this building to the worship of God, according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S., have been matters of complaint by Mr. Niles, who if injured in his personal or other rights had an undoubted right to object; and as my motives and acts on that occasion have been made the subject of severe animadversion in the public prints, by some persons at a distance, whose chief object seems to be to gain notoriety by thrusting themselves into matters which they do not understand, and with which they have no proper concern, I shall here state as briefly as I can, consistently with making the whole procedure on my part clearly understood, the grounds on which I acted, and the objects aimed at.

The church now known as St. Andrew's Church, Riverside, is situated in a sparsely populated neighborhood. With the exception of three or four families, there are very few if any others in the neighborhood for ten miles round, who have any acquaintance, much less familiarity with the services of our

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Church. Among the people generally of that section of country, there exists the usual amount of prejudice against our forms of worship and usages—prejudice founded upon misconceptions, or fostered by interested misrepresentations, and strengthened by associations with those who are accustomed to other ecclesiastical organizations and modes of worship.

Common sense, guided by the light of uniform experience, would suggest that among such a people our peculiarities, whatever they be, must in order to be acceptable to the ordinary mind and taste of the masses, be introduced by little and little. Gradually, slowly and understandingly must this work proceed. If in any circumstances reserve in religious teaching be admissable and justifiable, it is precisely in a case like this described. The utmost we can hope to attain after many months if not years of persevering labor, and patient instruction by precept, exhortation and example, will be to induce the people to hear the Scriptures read, to join in the simplest form of prayer, the most intelligible modes of praise, and to hear the plainest and most easily understood expositions of divine truth. As religious knowledge is increased, and the growth of piety promoted—interest created in holy things and zeal inspired, we can then advance to higher views of heavenly things, can exhibit the worship of the sanctuary in the beauty of holiness, can call in adventitious aids from memories of the past and from hopes of the future, and essay to chant the notes which angels sing around the throne.

But before arriving at some considerable measure of Christian attainment, in knowledge and personal experience in the ways of godliness, as indicated by these remarks, to attempt the introduction of symbolism in material forms or figures, the meaning or intent of which is not understood, or obviously apparent, instead of effecting the objects aimed at, will have exactly the opposite tendency, will be perverted in its purposes, misrepresented in its aims, or condemned without enquiry. Instead of conciliating favor, the results will be in a vast majority of instances suspicion, dislike and aversion.

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I have not been forward, in years past, as you will bear witness, to notice things of this kind, and to object to arrangements where there has appeared to be, though not very strongly and distinctly marked, yet an obvious leaning towards a system known as *symbolism*, and which is commonly associated in the public mind with some of the most palpable errors and gross corruptions in the teachings of Romanism. These innovations have not been presented to observation among us in so open a manner as to attract the attention of persons not familiarized with the inception and progress of error. They are insidious in their approaches, harmless in their professions, and consequently the more dangerous in their admission. They become apparent in their evil tendency and effects, especially to those who are bound by their vows and professions to be on the watch for souls, and to guard against error in life and doctrine.

To have a cross on the Church, or in the Church, in some conspicuous place or position, where it will attract attention, and by the power of association remind the beholder of that love and condescension which led the Son of God to endure the agonies of its death for our redemption, is an innocent if not commendable indulgence of a correct and delicate taste. But to present the cross to the eyes of a worshipping assembly, under various forms and with multiform devices; to have it set up in every conspicuous place on the building and in the building, and not content with that, but to have it *moveable* and erected on an altar upon an altar, thereby suggesting one of the most delusive and corrupting forms of error, and in known and acknowledged alliance with a doctrine which the Church utterly condemns and rejects, and for resistance to which some of her noblest martyrs perished at the stake, may be, for aught I know, in accordance with ecclesiastical taste and architectural beauty; but is in my judgment a lamentable proof of the absence of an instructed faith, an enlightened conscience and a sound mind.

In several churches which have been built and consecrated in this Diocese, besides the one under consideration, the form of the communion table has always struck me as objectionable,

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because suggestive of ideas which are altogether foreign to the teachings of the Church. I have not made objection to them heretofore for many reasons unnecessary now to name, in the hope earnestly cherished that the error would proceed no further, and would die out of itself; but chiefly I was silent from a conviction that to take a stand of open and declared hostility to communion-tables of altar-form, and to insist upon the adoption of some model or pattern that seemed to me unexceptionable, would give to the whole subject a relative importance which it did not merit, and might serve to provoke opposition, rouse the lower passions of our nature, and lead to provocatives of strifes and divisions.

Wherever the communion-table assumes the form of an altar, suggesting to the mind the idea of sacrifice, other than the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving—to which acts, the term *sacrifice* is metonymically applicable—that form is objectionable, and the more so in proportion as its adjuncts and furniture countenance the notion of its use and purpose for making a sacrifice. Deep and vital error is covered up under the notion of a sacrifice made by the Priest in the Christian temple, or if you please at the Christian altar. In the sense of offering any sacrifice but that of praise and thanksgiving he is no priest—no term denoting a sacrificing priest is applied to him in the New Testament. He is a minister, not a priest. He makes with the people a memorial of a sacrifice. He celebrates a feast commemorative of a sacrifice. There is but one sacrifice made for sin. It was made by Christ alone. And all the acts of all Christ's ministers, from the glorious company of the Apostles down to the humblest servitor in his courts at this day, cannot add one iota to the value, the merits, the efficacy and glory of that one sacrifice. In that He stands alone, unequalled and transcendantly glorious and peculiar. Hence the Church permits no approach in her services to the notion or idea of sacrifice, except the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving—*the eucharistic sacrifice.* It would rob Christ of his peculiar glory and merits, and therefore her language is unmistakeable, when she enjoins it upon the

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minister in the most solemn service he is ever called to perform to say that Christ "made by his one oblation of himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world." Again in her XXXI Article she sets forth in the same strong and emphatic terms that "the offering of Christ once made is that perfect redemption, propitiation and satisfaction for all the sins of the whole world, both original and actual, and there is none other satisfaction for sin but that alone." In the homilies she re-echoes the same sentiment, and tells us to "beware lest of a feast, we make a sacrifice."

When, therefore, I approached the church at Riverside in the afternoon of Saturday, the 8th day of last August, and beheld over every gate, of the yard a cross—three crosses on the roof, and one in the gable or belfry, and on entering the church saw under the chancel window an altar which might properly be called *high*; occupying a large space with the three steps rising to its base—with five crosses painted on its front—a moveable cross on a super-altar raised on the principal altar, and a cross in the window above, and besides all this two large candlesticks, of turned wood, placed there not for the purpose of giving light in the house, but avowedly to enlighten the inner-man—the mind and soul—by the mysterious power of symbolism, I felt that the time had come for me to interpose, and to arrest by my authority, if I had any, the steps of error now manifestly onward to a false and mischievous system. I, therefore, orderly, calmly and deliberately, without violence or harshness of word or manner, directed the minister in charge to take the candlesticks and moveable cross into the vestry-room. This proceeding gave offence to Mr. Niles, and has been made the occasion of severe animadversion by some others beyond the limits of this Diocese. On the other hand, my course has been commended in the warmest terms of approval by bishops, clergymen, and laymen in very nearly all the Dioceses of our Union. In explanation of my official acts, and not in defence, for that I did not deem to be required at all under the circumstances, nor in

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any sense or manner due to the two or three self-constituted censors who represent no body but themselves, and who seemed to demand it, I have published a narrative of the whole proceeding—embodying all the facts in the case, not one of which can with truth be denied, nearly all of which can be substantiated by respectable clergymen present at the time, and cognizant of the whole affair, and also giving a statement of the matters and things connected with the origin of the enterprise for building the church, and notorious to the whole community.

The canons of the General Convention require me to visit the churches within my Diocese at least once in three years, for the purpose of examining the state of the Church, etc." My ordination vows oblige me "with all faithful diligence to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's word; and both privately and openly to call upon and encourage others to the same." I know and you know, Brethren, that error may be taught by material symbols or figures, as certainly and as effectually as by winged words which are themselves but symbols of thoughts or ideas. Hence as there is a canon and an acknowledged vow obliging me to guard the doctrine of the Church, as there is no canon forbidding my action in the premises—as it is a sound principle that whenever a duty is required by law of an executive officer, the law supposes him, even when it is silent, to be invested with the necessary authority, I said I would do the same under like circumstances, "canon or no canon." Charged specially with the duty of seeing that those over whom I am placed, "teach no other doctrine" than that "which this Church hath received," I felt as much in duty bound to remove from the communion table of a church I was called on to consecrate, every instrument of error or symbol that would inculcate strange doctrine contrary to God's word, as I would be to take away from the church "an altar to the unknown God," or remove a shrine of the Virgin Mary, or a statue of St. Paul or St. Peter, if placed within the chancel. If I were opposed in such an attempt, I should as in the case at Riverside, decline to consecrate the church. The

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papers prepared for the act of consecration were returned to the party aggrieved by my proceeding, with the information that I had declined to take the building under my spiritual jurisdiction, and there I had supposed the matter would end. Next day, however, the request to consecrate was preferred under such circumstances, with such assurances as led me to accede to the wishes of the parties, and with the assistance of Bishop Polk, of Louisiana, and of the clergy present, St. Andrew's Church, Riverside, was consecrated, and set apart with the rites and solemnities prescribed, to the worship and service of Almighty God, and according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. J. L. Gay, the Litany by Mr. Gierlow, the sermon was preached by Bishop Polk. The instrument of endowment was presented by Charles McGhee Esq., which, with the letter of consecration, was read by Bishop Polk. After the sermon, I confirmed *three* persons. In the afternoon prayers were read by the Rev. Jno. Gierlow, sermon by Mr. Ingraham, and I confirmed *one* colored person.

From Aug. 10th to September 17th, I was absent from the Diocese, on a journey with my widowed daughter, Mrs. Tomes, to visit her late husband's relations in New York. During this absence I preached six times at as many different places, and married one couple.

Sunday 20th.—In the congregation of Rev. G. P. Schetky, worshipping in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, after prayers and sermon by Rev. Mr. S., I confirmed *three* persons.

I officiated at the same place the four following Sundays by reading prayers and preaching, and I also baptized two children and administered the Holy communion.

October 25, *Sunday.*—I read prayers and preached at Forest Hill church, in the country.

October 28.—Baptized an infant in the country, which dying afterwards, I buried on the 30th.

November 1, *All Saints' Day.*—Preached in Trinity church,

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Tipton county, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Wheelock, and confirmed *ten* colored people.

November 8.—Visited Zion church, Brownsville, in charge of Rev. Charles F. Collins, and preached, after prayers by him in the morning and afternoon.

Monday, 9.—Baptized an infant and confirmed *four* persons, all of one family, and one of them in extremis.

Sunday, 15.—Read prayers and preached in St. Mary's church, Memphis, and the same day baptized two children.

From Nov. 19 to Dec 1, I was in attendance as a member of the committee of location for the University of the South, and with the Board of Trustees in session at Montgomery, Alabama. During this time I preached twice in St. John's church, Mont gomery.

December 4.—Officiated at the burial of an infant.

Sunday, 6.—Preached in St. Mary's church after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Hines.

Sunday, 13.—Read prayers and preached in Forest Church.

December 20.—In Trinity church, Tipton county, read prayers, baptized two children and confirmed one person and preached.

December 27.—After prayers and sermon in Calvary church, Memphis, by Rev. Dr. Quintard, I baptized an infant, and confirmed *six* persons. At night in Grace church, after prayers by Rev. Messrs. Hines and Schetky, and sermon by Rev. Dr. Perry, I confirmed *nine* persons.

Sunday, *Jan.* 3, 1858.—After prayers by the Rev. J. Goshorn, of Indiana, in Calvary church, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, 10.—After prayers by Rev. Mr. Goshorn, and sermon by Rev. Dr. White, of Alabama, I confirmed *one* person in Calvary church.

January, 15.—Upon invitation of the wardens and vestry I accepted the Rectorship of Calvary church.

From this time onward, aided by Rev. Dr. Geo. White, who was employed by the vestry as my assistant, I have been discharging parochial duties in the congregation of Cal. church. Since

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Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, the morning and evening prayer has been read daily in this church. I therefore, from this date, make no mention of parochial sevices in my report, but those duties only which pertain to the Episcopate.

Jan. 20th.—I had the misfortune to have my dwelling house consumed by fire on this day; but through God's mercy without personal injury to any member of my family. This untoward event has deranged all the plans I had formed for the future, and led to my removal to the city of Memphis. I hope to have enough left out of the remains of my property to provide my family with a comfortable home. My present abode is temporary.

February 12th.—In St. Paul's Church, Franklin, after prayers at night by Rev. Mr. Royce, I preached and confirmed *seven* persons. The snow and cold rendered the weather very unpropitious, yet there was a good congregation present.

Sunday, 14th.—Preached morning and afternoon in Saint Peter's Church, Columbia, after prayers by Rev. Dr. Pise. During these services, I baptised the infant son of the rector of the parish, and confirmed *five* persons.

Monday, 15th.—Read morning prayer and preached in St. John's Church, Ashwood, and at night preached again at St. Peter's church, Columbia. The congregation of St. John's church, Ashwood, is again happily supplied with the services of a minister, in the person of the Rev. Mr. Hildebrand, who is understood to be laboring with many marks of encouragement, especially among the colored people of the parish.

February 17th, Ash Wednesday.—In the church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville, Rev. Dr. Quintard read morning prayer, and I preached. At night, prayers by Revs. Messrs. Smith and Quintard in Christ Church, I preached and confirmed *three* persons.

Feb. 18th.—In the congregation of the church of the Advent worshipping in Odd Fellows' Hall, Nashville, after prayers at night by the clergy present, I preached, and confirmed *sixteen* persons.

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February 19*th.*—Preached at night in Christ Church.

February 21*st.*—In Trinity Church, Clarksville, the Rev. Mr. Gray read morning prayer, the rector being unwell, I preached and administered the holy communion. In the afternoon, at the request of the rector, I officiated at a burial, and at night, after prayers and the baptism of an adult by the rector, I preached, and confirmed *six* persons.

March 2*d.*—After prayers in Grace church, Memphis, I confirmed *one* person.

March 7*th*, *Sunday.*—Read prayers, preached, and administered the Lord's Supper at Mr. J. J. Alston's. In the afternoon read prayers, preached, and confirmed *one* person in Ravenscroft chapel.

April 3, *Easter Even.*—In Grace church, after prayers, I preached, and confirmed *three* persons. In Calvary church, at night, after prayers, preached and confirmed *six* persons.

April 4*th*, *Easter.*—In St. Mary's church, after prayers in the afternoon, I preached and confirmed *two* persons.

April 18*th*—Visited Ripley, in Lauderdale, at which place and in the neighborhood reside several families belonging to our church. I read prayers and preached in the morning to a large congregation in the Presbyterian church.

April 25*th.*—Confirmed *two* elderly persons privately in Memphis; one of them being sick.

April 30*th*—After prayers in St. Luke's church, Jackson, I preached. In the same church, the following evening, after prayers and sermon, I confirmed *three* persons.

May 2*d*, *Sunday.*—After morning prayer by the Rector and clergy of the convocation present, I preached and administered the holy communion. Preached also at night.

May 7*th.*—In St. James church, Bolivar, after morning prayer, I preached, and at the request of the rector, baptized by immersion one adult and two children. Preached in the same church the following night.

Sunday, 9*th.*—After morning prayer, I preached and admin-

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istered the holy communion. At night, after prayers, I again preached and confirmed *seven* persons.

May 13th, Ascension Day.—With the rites and solemnities prescribed, I this day set apart and consecrated to the worship and service of Almighty God, St. Mary's church, Memphis, according to the order and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the U. S. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Harrison and Schetky, the lessons by Rev. Dr. White, the ante-communion by myself, the epistle and gospel by Rev. Mr. Wheelock, the sermon by Rev. Mr. Pickett, and the communion was administered by Rev. Mr. Hines and myself. Thus has a work begun by a few ladies of Calvary Church a few years ago, in faith and humble reliance upon Divine help, by God's blessing, been brought to a most happy and successful conclusion. The seats of the Church are all free, and the minister's support is provided out of the contributions of the congregation, aided to a small extent this year by the Dom. Com. Missions. At 6 P. M. of the same day, prayer was read in Calvary church, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Pickett; after which I confirmed *eleven* persons.

Sunday, 16th.—Confirmed to-day, in Grace church, *eleven* persons, and in the same congregation, on the 18th, *two* in private. To these are to be added *three* persons confirmed by Bishop Polk in St. John's church, Knoxville, last year. Thus it will be found that in the course of the year 133 persons have been added to the church by confirmation on twenty-five different occasions.

The clerical changes to be noted since the last convention are the following: The Rev. L. L. Smith, of N. C., has been transferred to the diocese of Tennessee, on letters dismissory, and made Rector of Christ church, Nashville. The Rev. R. C. Hines, from the same diocese, to the Rectorship of St. Mary's church, Memphis. The Rev. G. P. Schetky, of Ky., to Grace church, Memphis. The Rev. G. White, D. D., from Florence, Ala., to the office of Assistant to the Rector of Calvary church, Memphis. The Rev. C. T. Quintard M. D., has resigned the

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Rectorship of Calvary church, Memphis, and accepted the Rectorship of the Church of the Advent, Nashville. The Rev. W. D. Harlow has taken letters dismissory to the Bishop of Ala. The Rev. Wm. M. Steel has resigned St. James' church, Greenville, and been transferred to the diocese of Va. The Rev. Wm. Mowbray officiates as missionary in the neighborhood of Chattanooga. The Rev. Mr. Gray in the vicinity of Clarksville. The Rev. John Gierlow at Louisville, E. Tenn. These three are in Deacon's orders; the two former permanently so. The Rev. Jas. Hildebrand has been received on letters of transfer, and has settled at St. John's church, Ashwood. The Rev. Ch. Collins has resigned St. Mark's church, Williamsport, and accepted the charge of Zion church, Brownsville. There are six candidates for orders belonging to the diocese, viz, Wm. C. Gray pursuing his studies at Bexley Hall, Ohio; Geo. H. Hunt and G. Blackie, M. D., with Rev. L. L. Smith, Nashville; Geo. James with Rev. M. S. Royce, at Franklin; Ed. W. Gilliam at J. J. Alston's, Tipton county, and Wm. Bowers at Memphis, study under my orders. Of these, Messrs. Hunt, Blackie, James and Gilliam have been licensed as lay readers.

During the late session of the Legislature of Tennessee, an act of incorporation was passed by that body, securing to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Tennessee all the rights and privileges granted to other denominations of christians. This measure is one of great importance to us, as hitherto we have been without the safeguards and protection of the law in the use and enjoyment of the proprietary rights appertaining to the possession of grounds and buildings.

We are indebted to the wisdom and prudent management of Fr. B. Fogg, Esq., a member of this body, for the attainment of this necessary object; as we are likewise to the agency of the same gentleman for procuring an act of the Legislature granting chartered rights to the University of the South. The Act incorporating the church is in these words. * * * I respectfully recommend that the same be printed in an appendix to the Journal of this convention. (See Appendix, p .)

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And here I beg leave to call the attention of the clergy to the Act of the Legislature which authorizes Ministers of the Gospel to celebrate marriages, and which enjoins upon them an important duty, which is not always duly performed, and the neglect of which may imperil personal interests and valuable rights in property. The act requires that the celebration of the rites of marriage between the parties whose names are recited in the license, shall be certified by the officer or minister officiating by an endorsement of the time when the marriage is celebrated on the license, and that the same be returned to the office of the clerk whence it issues.

It gives me much pleasure to inform the convention and friends of the church that the Columbia Female Institute, the object of so much care and solicitude, hope, and pride, to some of us in years past, bids fair to regain a large measure of the favor and confidence it once enjoyed, and to fulfil the cherished expectations of its projectors and friends, by furnishing ample facilities to our daughters to acquire a thoroughly good education in connection with that religious training calculated to awaken pious sensibilities and cherish spiritual affections. The principal of the Institute, Mr. Wm. H. Hardin, who is now among us, informs me that all the departments of the school are now complete in the arrangements made for instruction, while the increased and increasing patronage of the establishment has led him in concurrence with the approval of the Board of Trustees, to project an extension of its means of efficiency, and consequent grounds of public confidence, by engaging the active and personal services of a clergyman of high character for his learning, talents and experience, to make the Institute all that we desired.*

* Since the foregoing was delivered in Convention, it will be found from the following Card that the arrangement re'erred to has been happily consummated:

"The undersigned has the pleasure of announcing to the Patrons and friends of the Columbia Female Institute, that he has effected an arrangement with the Rev. Henry T. Lee, recently of Chapel Hill, N. C., and formerly resident of Louisiana, by which that gentleman and his accomplished lady will be associated hereafter in the instruction and management of the Institute, the former as Chaplain and Joint Principal. It may be permitted to say that Mr. Lee being a graduate, with the highest distinction, of the Virginia Military Institute, a State Insti-

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I commend the school unhesitatingly to the members and friends of our communion in and out of the diocese, and beg leave to remind them, as a motive to continue their interest in it, that the members of our communion were the first to embark in this cause of Female Education on christian principles in this State; a cause which has met with unusual favor and encouragement, and has led to the establishment and multiplication of Female Seminaries more generally than all other institutions for the benefit of the young.

There is one subject more to which I wish to invite the attention of this convention, and, though the last adverted to, it is perhaps, in all its relations and bearings, the most important and most deserving of consideration. I refer to the establishment of the University of the South, an enterprise, with the inception and progress of which, up to this time, you have been made acquainted by the published proceedings of the bishops, clergy, and laity of the ten South-western States at the different meetings held by them at Philadelphia, 1856, on Lookout Mountain, 1857, and at Montgomery last November. In the former part of this address, I adverted to the fact that committees had been appointed by the commissioners at their meeting held on Lookout Mountain last year; one to procure a charter or act of incorporation from the Legislature for the proposed University; another to collect information respecting suitable sites.

There were some other committees appointed, whose action was made necessarily dependent upon the accomplishment of the duties assigned to the first named.

In regard to the charter, I have already stated that the committee has acted, and that the act of incorporation granted by

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tution of the highest character, is a gentleman of rare attainments, and qualifications of the first order for the important duties which he is to assume, having had much experience as a Teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have both a thorough and scientific knowledge of music, vocal and instrumental, and both speak the French language fluently.

"In view of some contemplated improvements, a few slight alterations in charges, &c., the publication of the Annual Announcement or Catalogue of the Institute will be delayed for a short time, in order that it may embrace full information in those particulars in which parents or guardians will be interested. "WM. H. HARDIN.

"Columbia Female Institute, June 19th, 1858."

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the Legislature is now ready to be submitted to the consideration of the Board of Trustees. As President of that Board, I have, by public notice, called a meeting of the same at Beersheba Springs, in Grundy county, of this State, on the 3rd day of July, of this year. It will be necessary that this convention choose one clergyman and two laymen to represent this Diocese in that body.

The Committee on Location made their report to the Board, which met at Montgomery, Ala., on the 25th of last November. That this convention and the public, as far as information emanating from this body may avail, be enabled to appreciate properly the decision of the Board on the question of location, I beg leave here to state succinctly the grounds or reasons on which that decision was made. And this I deem the more necessary because the action of the Board has been assailed from quarters whence it was hardly to be expected, and in a way not to be justified, and very little has been said in defence of the Board and its proceedings.

No sooner had the committee on location begun its work of examination of the advantages of different sites, than it was met by the offer of large pecuniary and other recommendations, from nearly all the various localities which preferred claims to be accepted. To all such suggestions and offers one uniform answer was given, viz: The University is not to be put up to the highest bidder in the offer of pecuniary consideration; there are three primary and indispensable conditions which take precedence of all other considerations, and to which all others are secondary, and these are: First, health, subsidiary to which are pure air and an ample supply of pure free-stone water. Secondly, accessibility. The site must be within reach of the countries represented in the Board in three or four days' travel by the ordinary means of conveyance.

Thirdly, facility of obtaining supplies, including besides provisions, materials for building, fuel, &c. Wherever these primary conditions were fully met, there was to be the chosen site. Such was the answer given to all concerned, whether the

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claimant to preference was an inhabitant of the mountain or the plain.

In so grave a matter, involving interests so important, the committee were unwilling to rest the decision of the Board, on any recommendation which they might give. They employed an engineer of national reputation to form a corps for topographical surveys and explorations, of the best assistants he could engage. He was furnished with a printed series of questions, embracing all the topics of interest entering into the enquiries of the Board, to which questions he was asked to return specific replies, founded on actual observation and survey. He was directed to continue his explorations at each locality so long as those interested in it desired, and were willing to defray the expenses of survey.

The reports of the corps of engineers, together with plots showing the peculiarities of local position, the elevation above the sea-level, as well as the level of the surrounding country, and all other information gained, were laid before the committee of location, at Montgomery, between the 18th and 25th of November. The committee then availed themselves of the representations of persons appearing in behalf of the different sites competing for preference, and heard their statements personally. On all this information the committee rested their report to the Board, without recommending any one spot for the site of the University. After the report of the committee was laid before the Board, accompanied by all the statements of parties interested, the Board thought proper to admit persons claiming to understand the advantages of their respective localities, and to hear from them all that they wished to urge in behalf of their claims to preference. Never was proceeding more fair, open and just to all parties.

The Board proceeded to decide the question of location by ballot; the bishops for themselves, the clergy and laity unitedly for themselves. Two-thirds of the bishops, in concurrence with two-thirds of the clergy and laity were necessary to decide the question. After 17 trials, the required vote was

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given in favor of Sewanee Mountain, near the line of the N. & C. Railroad, and the decision of the Board recorded and published in favor of Sewanee, "*nemine contradicente!*"

The attempts since made to disturb that decision and to question its wisdom, while they manifest the interest of the public in the matter, prove very conclusively the wisdom of foresight and caution which governed the committee of location in collecting information, and of the Board in reaching its conclusion. If the settlement of the question upon such premises, after all the pains-taking and care to avail of all information accessible, be not enough to secure public confidence in the decision made, then we may despair of having that confidence under any circumstances. For myself, I have no fears whatever as to the result. I feel perfectly confident that the public voice will sustain the action of the Board by an acclaim that will put to rest, and for ever, all efforts to disturb the settlement of the question now made, no matter whether they spring from honest convictions, mortified pride, or disappointed selfishness.

It only remains for me to commend you to the guidance of the blessed spirit of all grace, in all your present and future deliberations for the promotion of God's glory by the extension of Christ's church in the world.

Your faithful friend and affectionate Pastor,

JAS. H. OTEY.

LaGrange, Tenn., May 27, 1858.

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APPENDIX.

A.

A copy of Sec. 10, of an Act of Assembly, passed March 15th, 1858, entitled, An act to incorporate Holston Presbytery, &c.

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That "the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee" is hereby incorporated, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and hold property, real, personal and mixed, by grant, donation, or otherwise, and said Corporation shall have the same privileges and powers as are conferred upon the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church by an act of February 17th, 1854, chap. 282, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Tennessee District.

The following is a copy of the act above referred to of 1854, c. 282.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Tennessee District, is hereby incorporated, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and hold property, real, personal and mixed.

SEC. 2. The affairs of said Corporation may be managed by the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Tennessee District, or any seven persons said Conference may elect, or appoint; said persons to be elected or appointed annually by said Conference, and shall continue in office until their successors are appointed, one of whom shall be elected President of their body by said seven persons.

SEC. 3. The property which said Corporation is authorized to hold, shall be applied to such religious, charitable, literary or missionary purposes as said Annual Conference may designate. *Provided*, said application of said property or funds shall not be in violation of the Constitution or Laws of the land.

SEC. 4. That said Corporation may hold property of any kind in trust for such religious, charitable, literary or missionary purposes as the donor or testator may designate, not inconsistent with the Constitution or law of the land, and execute the same.

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SEC. 5. That said Corporation shall have power to appoint a Treasurer of said Corporation, either of their own body or any other person, and take bond and security for the faithful performance of his duties, and in such penalty as they may deem just.

SEC 6. That a majority of Directors, authorized to be elected or appointed by said Conference, shall constitute a quorum to do business, and said Corporation shall have power to sell by the usual mode of conveyance, any property they may hold in furtherance of the objects herein authorized.

B

A. O. HARRIS, TREASURER,

In account with fund for support of the Episcopate.

1857.–June 6.—	To cash from Rev. Mr. Steele, of Greenville, Tenn				$20 00
" 6,	To Cash from St. John's Church, Knoxville				25 00
Dec. 4,	"	"	St. Peter's	" Columbia	20 00
" 26,	"	"	St. James	" Bolivar	50 00
" 28,	"	"	Trinity	" Tipton county	45 00
" 29,	"	"	St. Luke's	" Jackson	50 00
1858.–Jan. 29,	"	"	St. John's	" Knoxville	25 00
Mar. 1,	"	"	St. Paul's	" Franklin	13 00
5,	"	"	St. John's	" Knoxville	25 00
5,	"	"	St. Peter's	" Columbia	37 50
11,	"	"	Christ	" Nashville	200 00
Received by Bishop Otey of Christ Church, Nashville, in July 1857					200 00
April 27.—	To cash from St. Peter's Church, Columbia				37 50
	Paid by Dr. Oldham				100 00
					$848 00

Received at Convention—

From St. Paul Church,	Chattanooga	$20 00
" St. Paul's "	Franklin	12 00
" Trinity "	Tipton county	15 00
" St. John's "	Knoxville	25 00
" St. Luke's "	Jackson	50 00

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From Trinity Church, Clarksville....125 00
" Zion's " Brownsville... 27 50— $274 50

$1122 50

Credit by cash paid Harris & Hunt for account Bishop Otey.....648 00
Received by Bishop Otey from Christ Church, Nashville.....200 00— 848 00

Balance on hand..... $274 50
Received from Christ Church, Nashville..... 200 00

Total.....$474 50

A. O. HARRIS, Treasnrer.

DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE.

A. O. HARRIS, TREASURER,

In account with Contingent Fund.

1857.–May 23.—To cash on hand per account rendered Convention..... 51 30
To cash from J. F. Jett..... 50
March 11, " Christ Church, Nashville..... 45 00

$96 80

CREDIT.

1857.–Sept. .—By cash for printing Journals....$114 95
" Freights and charges on Journals of Gen'l Convention.. 3 50—$118 45

Balance due Treasurer.....$21 65

1858.–May 28.—Collected at Convention—

From	Grace	Church,	Memphis....	$ 5 00
"	Christ	"	Nashville ...	15 00
"	St. Luke's	"	Jackson.....	5 00
"	St. John's	"	Knoxville....	5 00
"	St. James	"	Bolivar.....	5 00

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From St. Paul's Church, Franklin.....	2 50	
" St. Paul's " Chattanooga.	2 50	
" Trinity " Clarksville...	5 00—	45 00
Balance on hand		$23 35

A. O. HARRIS, Treasurer.

LaGrange, May 28, 1858.

LaGrange, Tenn, May 28, 1858.

Arrearages for the support of the Episcopate.

		Previous to 1858.	1858.	Total.
St. John's Church,	Maury county....	$150 00	$ 50 00	$200 00
St. James' "	Greenville.....	5 00	25 00	30 00
Zion "	Brownsville	135 00	2 50	137 50
Holy Trinity "	Nashville	80 00	10 00	90 00
St. Mark's "	Williamsport.....	20 00	40 00	60 00
St. Thomas' "	Somerville.....	10 00	— —	10 00
St. Peter's "	Columbia.....	— —	— —	37 50
Trinity "	Clarksville.....	— —	— —	25 00
Immanuel "	LaGrange	— —	— —	40 00
Ravenscroft Chapel,	Tipton county....	— —	— —	50 00
Calvary Church,	Memphis.....	— —	— —	650 00
St. Peter's "	Columbia.....	— —	— —	17 50
St. Paul's "	Randolph.....	— —	— —	20 00
Balance due				$1367 50

A. O. HARRIS, Treasurer.

Arrearages to Contingent Fund, May 28, 1858.

		Previous to 1858.	1858.	Total.
St. John's Church,	Maury county.....	$ 45 00	$ 5 00	$ 50 00
St. James' "	Greenville	2 50	2 50	5 00
Zion "	Brownsville	12 50	2 50	15 00
St. Mark's "	Williamsport.....	5 00	2 50	7 50
Calvary "	Memphis.....	70 00	17 50	87 50
St. Thomas' "	Somerville	10 00	— —	10 00

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St. Peter's Church,	Columbia	— —	5 00	5 00
Immanuel "	LaGrange.....	— —	— —	2 50
				$182 50

A. O. HARRIS, Treasurer.

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

In account with J. F. JETT, Treasurer.

1857.—May ,	By balance in my hands as reported to last meeting at Convention at Jackson.....	$518 28	
" " "	Balance in the hands of Rev'd Bishop Otey.....	84 73—	$603 01
" " "	Collections as reported in minutes of last Convention.....		157 00
June 10, "	Cash premium on draft of Dr. Cressey....		1 00
Nov. 16, "	Cash through the Rev. Mr. Humes of St. John's Church, Knoxville.....		25 00
" "	Interest on $475.28, from May 25, 1857, to May 25, 1858.....		27 51
			$813 52

DEBIT.

1857—May 25.—To cash paid Rev. Charles Collins, Missionary to Brownsville and Ripley, Tenn., by order of Committee.....	$200 00	
Balance still in the hands of Rev'd Bishop Otey.....	84 73	
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	528 79—	813 52
1858—May 25—By balance in Treasurer's hands...	$528 79	
" balance in hands Rev. Bishop..	84 73	
Balance on hand.....	———	$613 52

The Treasurer would submit the above account as the condition of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Tennessee.

Respectfully, J. F. JETT, Treasurer.

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AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION, AND CANONS

Which lie over for action in the General Convention of 1859.

AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION "PROPOSED"

In the General Convention of 1856, *to be "made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, before they shall be finally agreed to or ratified in the ensuing General Convention."*

ARTICLE III.

Whenever General Conventions are held, the Bishops of this Church shall form a separate House, with the right to originate and propose acts for the concurrence of the House of Deputies, and all acts must pass both Houses.

ARTICLE VI.

The mode of trying Bishops shall be provided by the General Convention. The Court appointed for that purpose shall be composed of Bishops only. In every Diocese the mode of trying Presbyters and Deacons may be instituted by the Convention of the Diocese, but the General Convention may establish a Court of Appeals for the revision of the decision of Diocesan Courts. None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, suspension, or degradation from the Ministry, on any Clergyman, whether Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon. Such Court of Appeals not to revise the determination of any question of fact.

PROPOSED CANON.

Definitive action on the following Canon (it having been passed by the House of Deputies) was, at the instance of the House of Bishops, postponed to the next General Convention.

CANON.

Of Councils of Conciliation.

SECTION 1. Whenever any difference shall arise between any two Bishops of this Church having jurisdiction, respecting their relative rights and duties, or between any such Bishop and the Convention of his Diocese, or any Parish under his jurisdiction, it shall be lawful for either party to apply to the senior Bishop, entitled to a seat in the House of Bishops, who is not interested in the matter, for a Council of Conciliation.

SECTION 2. The Council shall be composed of three Bishops, two Clerical and two Lay members of the House of Clerical and Lay Depu-

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ties, to be selected by lot, to whom may be added, as members, two male Communicants of the Church of any order, one of whom may be named by each of the parties to the dispute.

SECTION 3. In order to the selection of those members who are to be drawn by lot, the Bishop called upon for the Council shall proceed to draw by lot, the names of three Dioceses, from a vessel containing the names of the five Dioceses having Bishops entitled to sit in the House, whose residences are nearest to the place where the controversy arose; and the Bishop or Provisional Bishop of those Dioceses, or if the Diocesan Bishop of any one of them be disabled by age or infirmity, his Assistant Bishop, shall be the three Episcopal members of the Council. The names of the Clerical Deputies of the last General Convention of the other two Dioceses shall then be placed in one vessel, and those of the Lay Deputies in another, and one of each drawn, who, with the Bishops and the nominees of the parties, shall constitute the Council.

SECTION 4. The Council shall meet at a time and place to be appointed by the Bishop who has drawn the lots, of which it shall be his duty to give notice to all persons concerned.

SECTION 5. The Council, when assembled, shall endeavor to reconcile, on christian principles, the conflicting views of the parties, and may, if they think proper, prepare a scheme according to which, in their judgment, the questions in dispute ought to be settled, and communicate such scheme in writing, under the hands of those of them who approve of it, to all persons interested.

The Committee to whom were referred the Parochial Reports, have examined the reports from 21 Parishes, and one from the Rev. Mr. Gray, Deacon, and beg leave to present the following Abstract of Statistics:

Baptisms—Adults 72, Infants 264....total.....	336
Confirmations	132
Communicants.....	1057
Sunday schools.....	17
Teachers	146
Pupils.....	795
Marriages	42
Burials	90
Communion Alms.....	$1,531 74
Weekly Offertory.....	5,488 16

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Other contributions	15,581 00
Rector's Salaries, (this is the sum of the reports of salary of 17 Parishes)	17,568 00
Arrears of Salary, (4 Parishes being in arrear)	1,589 00
Indebtedness of 5 Parishes	5,230 00

There are no reports from the Parishes of St. Paul's, Randolph, and St. Mark's, Williamsport.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. PICKETT, Chm'n,
G. H. HUNT,
JNO. ORR.

F

The Annual Meeting of the Church Book Society of the Diocese of Tennessee was held at Immanuel Church, LaGrange, on Saturday, May 29, 1858, the Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey, D. D., in the chair, and John P. Trezevant, acting as Secretary.

On motion, the Rev. Richard Hines and the Rev. G. P. Schetky were elected members of the Executive Committee. The Rev. G. P. Schetky was elected Secretary, and Wm. B. Richmond, Esq., Treasurer.

The following subscriptions were received for the year:

Geo. H. Hunt	1 00
John Orr	1 00
Geo. W. Quintard, Jr	1 00
Mrs. G. P. Schetky	1 00
Joseph A. Green	1 00
Willie F. Pise	1 00
J. N. Wheelock	1 00
Mrs. Richard Hines	1 00
Richard Hines, Jr	1 00
John Huske Hines	1 00
Mrs. C. F. Collins	1 00
Sallie Trezevant	1 00
Rembert Trezevant	1 00
Rev. L. L. Smith	1 00
Dr. G. P. Phillips	1 00
	$15 00

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The Report of the Executive Committee was presented, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

On motion, the Secretary was requested to present the claims and condition of the Society to the Convention during its session, and otherwise make known the object and design of the Institution. He was also requested to take under his charge the stock now on hand.

On motion, adjourned. GEO. P. SCHETKY, Secretary.

The following subscriptions were made after the adjournment.

J. A. Harrison, Jr.....1 00
J. B. Craighead.....1 00
D. I. Wells.....1 00
Geo. Brandon.....1 00

G

DIOCESAN CHURCH BOOK SOCIETY.

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Church Book Society beg leave to report, that in accordance with the recommendation of the Convention of this Diocese, held at St. Luke's Church, Jackson, in 1857, the organization of the Society was completed immediately upon the adjournment of Convention, and that the following officers were elected, viz:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—The Bishop of the Diocese, Chairman, *ex-officio*, Revs. W. Fagg and C. T. Quintard, M. D.

SECRETARY—John P. Trezevant.

TREASURER—W. B. Richmond.

In autumn last the Depository of the Society was established in Memphis, at the store of Messrs. Lamb, Young & Co., who kindly consented to attend to sales and distribution of books. The following account from them will furnish a view of the financial condition of the Society, and of its indebtedness to the parent Society in New York:

TENNESSEE CHURCH BOOK SOCIETY,

In account with Lamb, Young & Co.

1857.—Sept. 25—By invoice from New York.....$190 10
1858—May 25—To amount of m'dize on hand...$131 91
To amount of sales..... 58 19—$190 10

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The small amount of sales, compared with the needs of our Sunday Schools, may be attributed to the failure of many of our Clergy to receive the Constitution and Catalogue of the Society, while, with some, the object and design of the Society was not sufficiently known or understood, viz: "the free distributing or selling, at reduced prices, such books as are approved of by your Committee," for Sunday School and other Parochial purposes.

The Committee would, therefore, most respectfully suggest that the Secretary be instructed to present the claims of the Society, together with its object and design, to the attention of the Convention, and solicit at this time, and by correspondence with the Clergy, and the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools especially, donations and subscriptions for carrying out successfully the design and object of this Society. And it is also recommended that, for the full acquaintance of the Secretary with the need of the Depository, and through that of the Sunday Schools in this Diocese, he be requested to take the stock now on hand and future purchases, under his own care, and send to the Clergy, and, as far as practicable, to the Superintendent of each Sunday School, a copy of the Constitution and Catalogue.

A helping hand, an interest manifested on the part of our Clergy, at the commencement of the enterprise, will give to the Church Book Society of Tennessee the position it is primarily designed to occupy as an AID to Parents, Pastors and Teachers, in supplying for the family Circle, the Sunday School, the Parish, or the feeble Missionary Station, such a literature and such helps as shall enable the faithful sons and daughters of the Church to make known more extensively her doctrine, discipline, worship and history. In the denominations around us the system of colportage has been found to possess many advantages for disseminating the peculiar religious views of those bodies. Go where we will—in the smallest towns or the largest cities—on the various vehicles of travel, or by the wayside—we shall meet with the missionary vender of publications, which, if not *decidedly antagonistic* to the *true* principles of the TRUE witness and keeper of Holy Writ, are not unfrequently so mixed with error, "false doctrine, and heresy," and often so deficient in the life which the Church constantly exhibits in connexion with her whole being, as to leave in the minds of ignorant and uninformed people, and especially of the young, false or prejudiced views of religion. Why cannot the Church have the same system of reaching

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the masses? Not that it is inexpedient for her, but that it is rendered impracticable, because her own sons are forgetting, if they have even yet learned, that they are members of a *missionary* Church, the Divine Charter of which is "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." That it may be otherwise, it is in the power of the Clergy to bring about, by encouraging in their Sunday Schools, and among Church families, a missionary spirit. The Church does nothing with niggard hand. She has given *herself*, while many of her children withhold from her the means for making herself known, and veil her beauty from those who ignorantly despise her. Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD HINES,
GEO. P. SCHETKY. } Executive Committee.

H

At a meeting of the Diocesan Missionary and Education Society held in Immanuel Church, LaGrange, May 29, 1858, the Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey, D. D. in the chair, the Rev. G. P. Schetky was, on motion, appointed Secretary and Treasurer, *pro tem*, in the absence of Col. J. F. Jett. The following subscriptions were received:

Mrs. Mildred Tyler	$2 00
Mrs. L. E. Williams	2 00
D. W. Williams	2 00
Miss Mollie Ward	2 00
Miss Jane D. Ward	2 00
Mrs. E. S. Ridley	2 00
Rev. J. J. Ridley	2 00
Miss Mary Mabry	2 00
Miss Celeste Abercrombie	10 00
A. O. Harris	2 00
Mrs. Mary Harris	2 00
John W. Harris	1 00
Edward R. Harris	1 00
Hannah F. Harris	1 00
Kate W. Harris	1 00
Robert K. Harris	1 00
Charles Quintard Harris	1 00
Mary Richmond Harris	1 00

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Offerings at Holy Communion in Immanuel Church, LaGrange, on the opening of Convention..... 10 10

$47 10

On motion, *ordered* that the Rt. Rev. the Bishop be permitted to appropriate the sum of $200 to $300 for the support of a Missionary at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville.

On motion, adjourned. GEO. P. SCHETKY,
Secretary and Treasurer, *pro tem.*

The Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Missionary and Education Society was held in Immanuel Church, LaGrange, on the night of May 29th, 1858. After divine service, performed by Rev. Messrs. G. C. Harris and J. H. Rogers, of the Diocese of Mississippi, and the annual discourse delivered by Rev. C. T. Quintard, M. D., of Nashville, the Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey, D. D., took the chair. On motion, the Rev. David Pise, D. D., was elected Vice President, and Col. J. F. Jett, Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year. In the absence of the latter, the Rev. G. P. Schetky was appointed to serve *pro tem*, who reported cash on hand, $47.10.

No report of the condition of the Society being submitted by the Treasurer, the following payments from annual subscribers, together with donations, were received:

D. I. Wells,	$2 00
M. E. Wells,	2 00
James Caruthers,	2 00
Mrs. F. E. Caruthers,	2 00
Mrs. Dr. Wormack,	2 00
W. H. Stephens, (donation.)	5 00
Mrs. Bettie T. Somerville,	2 00
Miss Susan B. Green,	1 00
Malcolm F. Green,	1 00
Joseph A. Green,	1 00
Mrs. C. F. Collins,	2 00
Mrs. Mary F. Joy,	2 00
Mrs. Mary F. Joy, (donation,)	1 00
Mrs. Mary F. Wright,	2 00
Miss Sue Hatch,	2 00
Rev. G. C. Harris,	2 00

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John Baird,	$5 00
Mrs. J. Baird,	5 00
Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey, D. D.,	2 00
Mrs. J. H. Otey,	2 00
W. H. Hardin,	2 00
Miss Mary E. Phillips,	2 00
Mrs. Sallie Cotton,	2 00
Mrs. Alice Houston,	2 00
Mrs. Alice Houston, (donation,)	1 00
Rev. C. T. Quintard, M. D.,	2 00
Mrs. Eliza C. Quintard,	2 00
Clara E. Quintard,	1 00
Geo. W. Quintard,	1 00
Rev. David Pise, D. D.,	2 00
Edward Gilliam,	2 00
Rev. G. P. Schetky,	2 00
Mrs. Mary R. Schetky,	2 00
Caroline E. Schetky,	1 00
James B. Craighead,	2 00
Mrs. Ellen K. Craighead,	2 00
Rev. Richard Hines,	2 00
John P. Trezevant,	2 00
Sallie L. Trezevant,	1 00
Rembert Trezevant,	1 00
Rev. John A. Harrison,	2 00
Mrs. P. W. Alston,	2 00
Mrs. W. Fagg,	2 00
Mrs. B. A. Massey,	2 00
	$87 00
Bishop Otey Class, Christ Church, Nashville,	11 00
Missionary Collection after Sermon,	55 21
Amount previously received,	47 10
Offerings at Holy Communion on Trinity Sunday in Immanuel Church, LaGrange	52 33
Premium on specie,	61
Total amount of receipts,	$253 25

GEO P. SCHETKY,
Secretary and Treasurer, *pro tem.*

May 21, 1858.

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PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

Rev. L. L. Smith, *Rector.*

Baptisms: Adults 3, Infants 25....total..... 28

Confirmed: 3

Communicants: Added anew..... 4

Removed into the Parish..... 9

Transferred to Church of the Advent, and removed to other places or lost sight of.....117

Died..... 1—Present number 75

Marriages: 3

Burials: 6

Public Services: Twice on Sunday, and Weekly Lecture, also on the greater Festivals and Fasts, with the usual Lenten Services.

Children Catechised: On the afternoon of every Sunday.

Bible Classes: Two. One for the Ladies, the other for the children of the Congregation.

Sunday School: Teachers, male...2...female...7..... pupils... 60

Collections: Communion alms..... $250 00

Weekly Offertory..... 801 00

In other ways..... 3000 00—$4051 00

Appropriated: Support of Episcopate.....$645 00

Contingent Fund..... 15 00

Foreign Missions.... ..... 43 00

Other purposes.....3507 00—$4210 00

Indebtedness of the Parish: About..... ..$1800 00

Arrangements have been made by which this debt will be extinguished, in all probability, during the coming year. It has been virtually assumed by a few members of the Congregation, who have pledged themselves to pay a certain sum monthly, until it is liquidated.

The Convention will also be pleased to learn that notwithstanding the large number of removals from the Parish, all the pews vacated were speedily taken and at an increase of twenty-five per cent. in the rent. The only loss sustained has been in the number of Communicants.

Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive.....$2000 00

Arrears in Salary—none

Treasurer, Godfrey M. Fogg.

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CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, NASHVILLE.

Rev. Charles T. Quintard, M. D. *Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults 12, Infants 46....total..... 58
Confirmed..... 16
Communicants—Removed from the Parish.... 3
Died..... 2—Present number.. 126
Marriages—..... 4
Burials..... 13
Public Services—On Sunday twice, daily services throughout Lent, with Holy Communion on all Festivals.
Children Catechised—Last Sunday in every month in open Church.
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 8, Female 15....total..... 23
Pupils, Male 60, Female 85....total..... 145
Bible Class—Members, about..... 25
Collections—Communion Alms.....$2132 16
Appropriated—Salary of Rector, the poor and the expenses of the Church $1626 16
Orphan Asylums..... 100 00
Balance on hand..... 406 00—$2132 16
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive, paid from the offertory $2000 00
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, Thomas B. Eastland, Jr.

The Parish of the Church of the Advent was organized April 18, 1857, embodying in its articles the following conditions:

1. That all persons without distinction of sex or age who are *registered Communicants* of the Parish shall be entitled to a vote on Parochial affairs.
2. That only male Communicants shall be qualified to act as Vestrymen.
3. That the Church building, when erected, shall be free to rich and poor alike.
4. That the revenues of the Church should depend on the weekly offertory.

The Rev. Charles Tomes was unanimously elected Rector, and appointed the 13th of June for holding the first service. On the 7th June he was taken sick and after a protracted illness died at Glenoak, his residence, on the 10th of July.

On the 16th of August, the 10th Sunday after Trinity, the first service was held by the Rev. W. D. Harlow who at the request of the Vestry had kindly consented to take charge of the Parish until the election of a Rector. He labored faithfully until the latter part of December. The undersigned entered upon the Rectorship on the 1st of January 1858, at which time there were registered,

Communicants 58
Baptisms..... 6
Burials..... 6
Marriages 4

Of the 131 Communicants now registered, sixty-eight have been received from Christ Church and from the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A Church Home has been organized, and a lot secured for building within the

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limits of the city. The balance now in the hands of the Treasurer of the Parish ($406) is appropriated to the Church Home.

In addition to his labors as Rector of the Churches of the Advent and the Holy Trinity, the undersigned has during the past three months, with occasional assistance, held services every Wednesday night in a school-house in Edgefield, in which place there is a beautiful lot given to the Church to be available so soon as parochial organization is effected. The prospects in that quarter are encouraging, much interest being expressed in the undertaking not only by the Church people but also by the other residents of that place. Very Respectfully,

C. T. QUINTARD.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, NASHVILLE.

Rev. Charles T. Quintard, M. D. *Rector.*

The present Rector took charge of this Parish in February of the present year, at which time there were 26 Communicants as proven by the Register. A number of those whose names were registered had removed, and the Rector has been unable to ascertain their present locality; all of those who could be found have been transferred at their own request to the Church of the Advent, except two.

There have been services and preaching every Sunday afternoon, and daily morning and evening Prayers during Lent. There has been organized a flourishing Sunday school, the number of pupils at present is about 30, that of the teachers 8.

The position of the Church of the Holy Trinity at present, is virtually that of a Chapel of Ease to the Church of the Advent. The Rector and Vestry are using all available means to procure the services of a regular Minister or at least of a Deacon whose time shall be devoted exclusively to this Parish, and it is expected that when successful in this effort, at least twenty-five Communicants with their families will be transferred from the Church of the Advent to the pastoral care of the new incumbent.

The offertory has amounted to about $70 00, all of which has been expended on the Church and the poor.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE.

Rev. Jos. Jas. Ridley, M. D., *Rector.*

Congregation—Adults, about 150; Children about 112; Total		262
Baptisms—Adults 3, Infants 7....total		10
Confirmed		6
Communicants—Added by Confirmation...	6,	
By Removal into the Parish	7,	
Loss by Removal	4,	
By Death	4,	124
Marriages		7
Burials		10

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Public Services—On Sundays (when able) 2 services, often 3, on Wednesday night, (always when able) an Expository Lecture.

Catechisings—In Church Catechism, 2d Sunday in each month 12
On the Collect and Gospel each Sunday in the year 52... 64

Sunday School Teachers—Male 6, Female 6, Pupils 60....total..... 72

Collection $734

Appropriated—To Domestic Missionary Society.....$ 39 50
Mr. Breck's Mission..... 20 00
Foreign Missionary Society..... 50 00
Diocesan Mission..... 16 00
Support of the Episcopate..... 125 00
Contingent Fund..... 5 00
Other purposes ..... 478 50—$734

Amount of indebtedness of the Parish, less than..... 200

Amount of salary received by Clergyman per annum.....1000

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, W. B. Settle.

The Rector has been sorely afflicted during the Conventional year, having had six attacks of dangerous illness; by God's blessing, though, he has been graciously supported, and is able to report the Parish in as healthy a condition as at previous reports. There has been a slow but steady increase. Mr. Joseph Gray has been ordained to the Deaconship during the year, and is usefully employed within the bounds of my ministry.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN.

Rev. M. S. Royce, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 22, (Adults 52, Children 38)
Total number of individuals..... 90

Baptisms—Adults, 2, Infants 4....total..... 6

Confirmed 7

Communicants—Added anew.....7
Removed into the Parish.....6—Present number... 31

Public Services—Every Sunday.

Children Catechised—Frequently.

Sunday School—Teachers, Male 1, Female 3....total..... 4
Pupils 30

Bible Class—Members..... 8

Collections—Offertory.....$171 35

Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate.....$25 00
Contingent Fund of Convention..... 5 00
Dom. and For. Miss. Soc....Dom..... 9 50
Other purposes—Parish School..... 97 40
Church Expenses..... 18 80
Balance from last year..... 23 05—178 75

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Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive, the offertory, after paying expenses.

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, M. S. Royce.

The Parish School, which affords a free education to a limited number of scholars is under the charge of Mr. George N. James, and is in successful operation. The Pupils all attend the services of the Church and the Sunday School.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

Rev. David Pise, D. D. *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 39, (Adults 118, Children 62,)
Total number of individuals.....175
Baptisms—Adults 2, infants 6....total..... 8
Confirmed 5
Communicants—Added anew.....6
Removed into the Parish.....6
" from " 4
Died.....1—Present number.. 62
Burials 3
Public Services—On Sundays 83, on other days 36....total.....119
Children Catechised—Monthly.
Collections—Weekly offertory $237 42
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate..... 112 50
Pension Fund, (Christmas Collection,)... 5 00
Episcopate Fund, (Easter Collection,).... 3 00
Dom. and For. Miss. Soc.....Dom..... 12 00
" " " ....For..... 5 00
Other purposes..... 99 92
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive.....$800
Annual payment on insurance of life of the Rector for $3,000..... 96

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, John Baird.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MAURY COUNTY.

Rev. James S. Hildebrand, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 8
Baptisms..... 2
Communicants 10
Burials 1
Public Services—On Sundays 17, on other days 1....total..... 18
Children Catechised—Frequently.
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 1, Female 4....total..... 5
Pupils..... 28

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Collections—Communion Alms.....$ 2 95
Weekly Offertory..... 13 78—$16 73
Sunday School collections for Dom. and For. Missions..... 3 38
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitle to receive..... 1000
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, GEORGE LONG.

I have but recently undertaken the charge of this Parish, having preached for the first time in it on February 21st, and I think that I have much cause to feel encouraged. A great interest has been taken by the Congregation in the affairs of the Parish, and particularly in our new Sunday School. The negroes also have shown themselves very desirous to avail themselves of our afternoon Sunday School.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSPORT.

No Report from this Parish.

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS

Rt. Rev. JAMES H. OTEY, D. D. *Rector.*
Rev. GEORGE WHITE, D. D. *Assistant Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults 17, Infants 37....total..... 54
Confirmed..... 31
Communicants—Removed from the Parish to Grace Church 47,
Present number.....150
Marriages..... 10
Burials..... 12
Public Services—On Sundays 40, on other days 140...total since January, 1858.....180
Children Catchecised—Number of times unknown.
Sunday School —Teachers, Male 12, Female 7....total..... 19
Pupils, Male 51, Female 62,....total.....113
Bible Class—Members..... 20
Collections—Communion Alms to January 9, 1858, $128.90; to May $47.03....total $175 93
Weekly Offertory, (Church was closed most of 1857) 427 89
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate.....$650 00
Contingent Fund of Convention..... 17 50
Episcopate Fund, (*Easter Collection*).... 26 35
Dom. and For. Miss. Soc....Dom..... 46 50
" " For..... 10 00
Other purposes—For improvements and repairs on the Church....12,100
Amount of indebtedness of the Parish..... 2,500
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive..... 2,500
Arrears of Salary..... 609
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, ADLAI O. HARRIS.

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The present Rector assumed the Rectorship of Calvary Church upon the invitation of the Vestry the 1st week in January, at the same time the Rev. Geo. White, D. D., was invited, and became the Assistant Minister. Two other Parishes having been formed within the last twelve months within the limits of Calvary Church Parish and the boundaries recently determined, the number of communicants, families, &c., have not been yet accurately ascertained, hence the number of families &c., is not reported. Morning and Evening Prayer is read in the Church daily.

GRACE CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

Rev. George P. Schetky, B. D. *Rector.*

The undersigned entered upon his duties, as Rector of this Parish, on the fifth Sunday after Trinity, July 12, 1857. The statistics of this report will, therefore, cover a period of ten months of the Convention year. At this time we again apply for admission into union, as a regularly organized Parish, with the Convention, and for that purpose present, as required by Canon, certified copies of our articles of Association, and other papers bearing upon the history and government of the Parish.

The Parochial boundary having been but recently established, and many changes occuring since our organization by removals and addition of families and individuals not strictly identified with the interests of the Parish, though visited by the Rector, it is impossible in this first report to present anything like a correct estimate of the number of families or individuals. The attendance at our services, which are held in a large upper-room where the seats are *free*, will average two hundred persons.

Within the ten months of my Rectorship, I have the following to report:

Baptisms—Adults 9.....Infants 6.....Total.....	15
Confirmed—(3 in private).....	28
Communicants—At the first Communion in this Parish.....	24
Added, *in extremis*.....	1
By transfer and removal from Calvary Church.....	23
" " " abroad.....	23
By Confirmation.....	28
Removed 13. Died 2.....	15
Present number.....	84
Marriages.....	3
Burials—Adults 5, Children 8,....total.....	13
Public Services—on Sundays 106, on other days 114....total.....	220
Holy Eucharist—administered publicly, No. of times.....	14
" " " in sickness.....	2
Public Catechizing—14 times, besides every Sunday in the Sunday School, of which the Rector has the personal superintendance.	
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 6, Female 7....total..... besides a Librarian and Secretary.	13
Pupils, Male 45, Female 26....total.....	71

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Sunday School—For servants was carried on for a time with but a few in attendance, and is at present suspended.

Bible Class			17
Offerings—Communion Alms	$165 68		
Weekly Offertory, since August 1	246 15		
Of the Sunday School, from Aug. to Jan.	11 10		
" Ladies Sewing Society, since Aug.	222 35		
By Ladies Festival and Fair	1017 16		
By Members of the Vestry	41 25		
	$1703 69		
Subscriptions to Rector's support	$1000 00		$2703 69

Appropriatedas follows:—

The poor	$ 47 03	
Sunday School Library and requisites	94 20	
Episcopate Fund (Easter offering)	17 25	
Contingent Fund of Convention (Whit Sunday offerings)	5 00	
Sunday School for Nashotah Mission	3 70	
Bishop White's Prayer Book Society (Whit Sunday offerings)	6 60	
Communion plate	41 25	
" Linen, Surplice, and other Parochial purposes	222 35	
Melodeon, Church Furniture, fitting up of rooms, deficit in Rector's salary, and other expenses	1017 16	
Rector's support	1000 00	
Incidental Expenses, Rent of Room, &c.,	246 15	$2703 69

The Sunday School have made other offerings, but no account can be had until Epiphany, when the annual celebration takes place.

The Parish is free of debt. The Rector has a salary of $1500 guaranteed to him, which is regularly and promptly paid.

Mr. John Lewis is Treasurer of the Parish.

In presenting this first report of our young Parish, the Rector desires to express a grateful recognition of the many tokens of the blessing of the Great Head of the Church upon his labors. The room in which our services have been held for ten months past, was found too small for the increase of the Congregation, and we removed to another locality of greater capacity and comfort. In due time we may hope, as the result of patient toil, devoted earnestness, and unwavering faith, among all our people, to erect an edifice to the glory of God and his worship and service. The commercial embarrassment of last fall and winter had its influence upon our prospects, and obliged us to delay any decided effort towards the erection of even a plain structure. We have relinquished a lot secured as the site of our future Church, believing that the element of success consists in a freedom from pecuniary embarrassment, and a patient labor in meeting every need as it arises, and preparing

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for, without assuming, any liabilities. In the unanimity and zeal exhibited by all, young and old, in all our Church work, especially by the ladies of the Parish, as may be seen from the report of their enterprises, there is much to encourage the Pastor in his work, and contribute towards our mutual strength. Of that, which is more than all devoutly to be aimed at, as illustrating most truly the life of the Church; the inner life of Divine Grace in the soul, we may trust that the desire of our people generally to improve the privileges, and embrace the opportunities for receiving grace in the ordinances and Sacraments of the Church, will be sufficient evidence we have not labored in vain.

I have now a class, under course of training and prepartion, for confirmation.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MEMHPIS.

Rev. Richard Hines, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families about		22
Baptisms—Adults 3, Infants, 11 ...total		14
Confirmed		3
Communicants, about		38
Burials		2
Collections—Weekly Offertory	$475 31	
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate	18 35	
Domestic Missions	24 00	
Other purposes	432 96	
Amount of Clergyman's Salary	1500 00	

The hopes of the Congregation were realised by the Consecration of the Church on Ascension Day. Services held three times on each Sunday, the night service being for the servants.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

Rev. John A. Harrison, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 38, (Adults 96, Children 81,)		
Total number of Individuals		177
Baptisms—Adults 7, Infants 18....total		25
Confirmed		11
Communicants—Added anew	8	
Removed into the Parish	5	
" from "	9—Present number,	59
Marriages		2
Burials		10
Public Services—on Sundays, 104, on other days, 52....total		156
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 1, Female 3....total		4
Pupils, " 10, " 20....total		30

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Collections—Communion Alms	$319 85		
Other collections	100 00	—$419 85	
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate	100 00		
Contingent Fund of Convention	5 00		
Pension Fund	21 35		
Episcopate Fund, (*Easter Collection*)	19 50		
Dioc. Miss. and Education Fund at last Convention	99 50		
Dom. and For. Miss. Soc....Dom....	22 70		
" " " ....For....	16 00		
Other purposes—Sunday School	18 58		
Mr. Brick, Indian Mission	5 00		
Convocation of Western District	63 00		
Parochial purposes	49 22		
		$419 85	

Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive, with Parsonage 800 00

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, JAMES L. TALBOT.

The Rector holds an Evening Service once a month in Denmark, which is well attended, and which, he would fain hope, is doing good.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR.

Rev. J. THOMAS PICKETT, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 17, (Adults 38, Children 37,)			
Total number of Individuals			75
Baptisms—Adults 2, Infants 8....total			10
Confirmed			7
Communicants—Added anew	7		
Removed into the Parish	2		
" from "	1—Present number		24
Marriages			1
Burials			2
Public Services—on Sundays 101, on other days 80....total			181
Collections—Communion Alms		$133 75	
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate	$50 00		
Contingent Fund of Convention	5 00		
Dom. and For. Miss. Soc. ...Dom.	10 00		
" " " ....For.	10 00		
Other purposes—Bp. White's Prayer Book Society	5 85		
Convocation purposes	47 75		
Parish purposes	5 15		
		$133 75	

Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive 1000 00

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, D. I. WELLS.

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IMMANUEL CHURCH, LAGRANGE.

Rev. WILLIAM FAGG, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families..... 13
Baptisms—Adults 3, Infants 10....total..... 13
Confirmed—None. A number ready to be Confirmed.
Communicants—Removed from the Parish.... 8—Present number.. 30
Marriages..... 5
Burials..... 7
Sunday School—Teachers, Female..... 6
Pupils, Male 12, Female 18....total..... 30
Collections—Communion Alms..... $50 00
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate..... 40 00
Contingent Fund of Convention..... 2 50
Other purposes—The Ladies of the Congregation have made by their Sewing Society..... 150 00
And by a Strawberry Supper 125 00
Additional Collections about..... 30 00
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive 350 00

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, JOHN HOLDEN.

Divine Service is held in this Church on the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month, Morning and Evening, and on every Friday Night. I have charge also of St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, Mississippi.

TRINITY CHURCH, TIPTON COUNTY.

Rev. JOHN A. WHEELOCK, B. D., *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 20, (Adults 200, Children 200,)
Total number of Individuals..... 400
Baptisms—Adults 1, Infants 48....total..... 49
Confirmed..... 11
Communicants—Added anew..... 11
Removed into the Parish.... 1
" from " 3
Died ..... 1—Present number.. 57
Burials..... 1
Public Services—on Sundays 45, on other days 2....total..... 47
Children Catechised—Every Sunday in Summer.
Sunday School—Pupils, Male about 8, Female 10 ...total, about.... 18
Bible Class—Members, about..... 15
Collections—Communion Alms..... $26 00
Appropriated—Support of Episcopate..... $60 00
Dom. Missions..... 25 00
Other purposes..... 1000 00—$1085 00

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Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive..... 1000 00
Arrears of Salary,..... 300 00
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, JOHN F. JETT.

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE.

Rev. CHARLES F. COLLINS, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 8, (Adults 50, Children 20)....total..... 70
Baptisms—Infants 1
Communicants—Removed into the Parish.....1
" from " " .....1...Present No.. 20
Marriages 1
Public Services—On Sundays 43, on other days 254.....total.....297
Children Catechised—every two weeks.
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 2, Female 2....total..... 4
Pupils, Male 5, Female 7....total..... 12
Collections—Communion Alms.....$ 35 00
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate..... ..... 30 00
Contingent Fund of Convention..... 2 50
Dom. and For. Miss. Soc.....Dom..... 10 00
" " For..... 10 00
Other purposes, for plastering Church..... 120 00
" Bell..... 228 00
" Melodeon 100 00
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive—Indefinite.
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, S. M. ASHE.

The present incumbent entered upon his duties Aug. 16, 1857. The Church has been opened daily for morning and evening service, and on Sundays, every two weeks. He has also held services at Ripley every other Sunday, and administered the Communion monthly to six persons.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, SOMERVILLE.

Rev. J. W. ROGERS, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 15
Baptism—Adults 1, Infants 2....total..... 3
Confirmed—(candidates 9).
Communicants 15
Marriages: 1
Burials :..... 1
Public Services on Sunday—Two every other Sunday and every Friday one, (the Rector preaching also at St. John's, Miss.)

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Children Catechised—every other Sunday.
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 2, Female 6....total..... 8
Pupils..... 30
Collections—Communion alms, &c., not over $120 00
Clergyman's salary, here $700....St. John's, $500.
Treasurer of Parish, Dr. N. WILKINSON.

RAVENSCROFT CHAPEL.—*Vacant.*

Reported by the Senior Warden.

Baptism—Adults 1, Children 4....total..... 5
Burials..... 2
Confirmation,..... 1
Communicants—White 16, Colored 14....total..... 30
Episcopate Fund.....$60 00
Offerings.....150 00
Sunday School children,..... 40
Sunday School Teachers,..... 8

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RANDOLPH.—*Vacant.*

No Report from this Parish.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE.

Rev. THOMAS W. HUMES, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families..... 37
Baptisms—Adults 1, Infants 12....total..... 13
Confirmed,..... 3
Communicants—Added anew.....4
Removed into the Parish.....3
" from " " 9
Died.....1—Present Number... 69
Marriages,..... 3
Burials,..... 5
Public Services—On Sundays, say 90, on other days, say 60....total...150
Children Catechised—Number of times..... 10
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 5, Female 6....total..... 11
Pupils, Male 21, Female 22....total..... 43
Bible Class—Members..... 10

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Collections—Communion Alms	$164 29		
Offertory	179 03		
Other sources	29 82		
		$373 14	
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate	$100 00		
Contingent Fund of Convention	5 00		
Pension Fund	1 00		
Episcopate Fund (Easter Collection)	1 00		
Dioc. Miss. and Education Fund	25 00		
Dom. and For. Miss. Soc.....Dom	28 45		
" " For	37 35		
		$197 80	
Other purposes		175 34	
		$373 14	

Amount of indebtedness of Parish—Less than.....$700 00
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive..... 800 00
Arrears of Salary, last New Year, say..... 640 00
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, Wm. P. Barker.

There has been collected by subscription, and applied to Church Improvement, $100. The colored Sunday School is still continued by members of the Congregation. The Ladies have raised and paid $85 to extraordinary Church uses. The Rev. Mr. Gierlow has given me assistance since last Fall.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CHATTANOOGA.

Rev. John Sandels, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 12, (Adults 24, Children 5,)			
Total number of Individuals			29
Baptisms—Adults			1
Communicants—Added anew	2		
Removed into the Parish	1		
" from "	8—Present number		9
Marriages			1
Collections—Communion Alms		$54 85	
Appropriated—Support of the Episcopate	$20 00		
Contingent Fund of Convention	2 50		
Other purposes	10 00	—32 50	
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive		272 00	
Arrears of Salary, about		40 00	

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, Dr. Wm. S. Bell.

The number of Public Services cannot be accurately ascertained, in consequence of the irregularity with which Divine Service has been held since Christmas.

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ST. JAMES' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Rev. WILLIAM M. STEEL, *Rector.*

Congregation—Families 14, (Adults 31, Children 26,)....total..... 57
Baptisms—Adults 4, Infants 9....total..... 13
Confirmed—(Candidates 7.)
Communicants—Removed from the Parish..2—Present Number..... 30
Marriages..... 1
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 1....Female 3....total..... 4
Pupils, irregular, has been as high as 60, is now about 20
Collections—Communion Alms.....$38 49
Amount of indebtedness of the Parish..... 80 00
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive.....250 00
Arrears of Salary—no settlement.
Name of the Treasurer of Parish, WM. JORDON.

REPORT OF THE REV. J. L. GRAY, (*Missionary at London.*)

I deeply regret that I have so little that is cheering or hopeful to report at this time. You have been already apprized of some of the afflictions that have befallen me lately. These, with frequent illnesses, and much suffering during the first year, have greatly interfered with the public services of the Church; in truth I have been able to officiate only about one-fourth of the time. I have, therefore, to report only about thirty services and sermons, with two baptisms and two administrations of the Holy Communion; Marriages, none; Funerals, none; and Confirmations, none; former number of Communicants, six. Poor as this record is, it is nevertheless submitted in obediedce to the requirements of the Canon.

REPORT OF REV. JOSEPH GRAY, (*Deacon.*)

Since my ordination to the Diaconate, which was on the 19th day of July, 1857, being the sixth Sunday after Trinity, I have occasionally assisted the Rector of Trinity Parish in the Sunday Services. Have performed Baptisms, 1, (infant); Burials, 2.

I have commenced a series of services at New Providence, also at Sycamore Mills, and have encouragement to hope that, through the blessing of God, great good will in due time be the result.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

OF TENNESSEE.

THE Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Tennessee, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Religion and Piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and posterity the advantages of the ministry and ordinances of the church, do ordain and establish this constitution.

ARTICLE 1. The diocese shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Diocese of Tennessee.

ART. 2. The constitution of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States of America is hereby acceded to and adopted, and its authority fully recognized and acknowledged.

ART. 3. A convention of the churches in this diocese shall be held annually, at such time and place as the last preceding convention may appoint; and the Bishop, or if there be no resident Bishop, the standing committee, for any good or urgent cause moving thereto, may change the time and place appointed; and whensoever he or they may deem it expedient, may call a special convention at such time and place as he or they may think suitable.

ART. 4. The convention shall be composed of the clergy and lay delegates, constituting one deliberative body. All regularly ordained ministers of the Protestant Episcopal church in this State, who shall have been canonically resident in this diocese, for the space of at least six months preceding, whether pastors of congregations, or missionaries, or instructors in incorporated institutions, and such as are recognized by the convention, or by the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese, shall be entitled to seats in the convention. All regularly ordained ministers of the Protestant Episcopal church in this diocese, in Priest's Orders, who, on account of old age or impaired health, are to the satisfaction of the ecclesiastical authority, unable to discharge the duties of the ministry, shall also be entitled to seats in the convention. Each congregation shall have the privilege of sending three lay delegates, any one of whom may represent them in convention.

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Art. 5. The clergy and lay delegates shall, in convention, deliberate in one body, and shall vote as such, and the votes of a majority of clergy and laity shall decide any question. But when requested by any two members, the two orders shall vote separately, and the concurrence of a majority of each separate order shall be necessary to its decision.

Art. 6. The bishop, if there be one, shall be *ex officio* president of the convention. He may make any motion, but shall not enter into debate; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject after it has been discussed, and before any vote thereon. If there be no bishop, or in case of his absence, a president *pro tem.* shall be appointed from the order of the clergy.

Art. 7. A secretary shall be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to record the proceedings of the convention, to notify the churches generally of the time and place of the meeting of the convention, to preserve journals and records, to attest the public proceedings, to continue in office until a successor be appointed, and to deliver into his hands all books and papers belonging to the convention.

A treasurer shall also be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to receive and disburse the funds of the convention by the order thereof. He shall render an account of his transactions to each annual convention.

Art. 8. A standing committee of five persons, three of the clerical and two of the lay order, shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the convention, with power to fill vacancies, in their body, and generally to perform all other acts which may be required of them by the canons of the general convention, or the convention of this diocese.

Art. 9. Each congregation shall, on Easter Monday, or as soon thereafter as may be in each year, elect a vestry, consisting of not less than five, nor more than eleven persons, whose duty it shall be to attend to the temporal concerns of the church. They shall appoint two wardens out of their own body, a secretary and treasurer, and appoint delegates to the diocesan convention, and exercise all other powers vested in them by the usages of the church; continuing in office until a new vestry is chosen.

Art. 10. The election of a bishop of this diocese shall be by nomination of a majority of the clergy in the convention assembled; and if such nomination be confirmed by a majority of the laity in said Convention, the person thus chosen shall be declared duly elected. But no election shall be considered legal,

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unless a majority of all the congregations shall be present by their clerical and lay delegates, and take part in the same.

Art. 11. The Book of Common Prayer and administration of the sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the church, as set forth by the general convention, shall be used in the several churches of this diocese.

Art. 12. Any proposition for the alteration and amendment of this constitution must be made in writing, and assented to by a majority of the members in convention. It shall then lie over for consideration until the next convention, and shall require for its adoption the suffrages of two-thirds of the members present.

CANONS

OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE.

CANON I.

Of the Admission of New Churches.

Whenever any number of persons, not less than ten, shall associate to form an Episcopal church, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of Tennessee; they shall assume a suitable name by which their church or parish shall be designated, and shall appoint not less than five, nor more than eleven vestrymen. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption shall then be laid before the Convention for approval, and also a certificate from the Bishop, or in case of his inability to act, or a vacancy in the Episcopate, from a majority of the standing committee, that notice was given him or them, at least three months before the convention, of the organization having taken place, and of his or their approval of the same. Delegates from the church or parish may then take their seats in the convention, and the church shall be considered as united to the convention, and subject to its decisions.

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CANON II.

Of the Reception of Clergymen into this Diocese.

No clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any congregation in this diocese, without producing to the vestry thereof a certificate from the bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, from the standing committee, that he has produced to him or them testimonials of his religious and moral conduct, as prescribed by the canons of the general convention.

CANON III.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman.

SECTION 1. The trial of a clergyman of this diocese shall be, on presentment made to the bishop, or if there be no bishop, to the standing committee, in writing, specifying the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place, and circumstances, signed by the party making it; and every presentment of a clergyman shall be, either by the convention of the diocese, by the vestry and church wardens of the parish to which such clergyman may belong, or by one or more presbyters of the church, entitled to seats in the convention.

SEC. 2. Whenever from public rumor, or otherwise, the bishop shall have reason to believe that any clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct, for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint three persons, of whom one at least shall be a presbyter, to examine the case; a majority of whom may make such examination, and if there is in their opinion sufficient ground for presentment, shall present the clergyman accordingly.

SEC. 3. A presentment being made in any one of the modes above prescribed, the bishop, if the facts charged to him shall not appear to him to be such as constitute an offence, may dismiss it; or if it allege facts, some of which do, and some of which do not constitute an offence, he may allow it in part and dismiss the residue, or he may permit it to be amended. When it shall be allowed in whole or in part, the bishop shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused; and shall also nominate six presbyters of this diocese entitled to seats in the convention and not being parties to the presentment, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall within thirty

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days after such service, select three of them and notify their names in writing to the bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the bishop within the said thirty days, the bishop shall select three, and the presbyters so selected shall form a board for the trial of the accused, and shall meet at such time and place as the bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, (but always within this diocese) as they shall think necessary.

Sec. 4. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting shall be served at least thirty days before such meeting on the accused, and also on one of the persons making the presentment.

Sec. 5. If at the time appointed for the first meeting of the board of presbyters, the whole number of three shall not attend, then those who do attend, being at least two in number, may adjourn from time to time; and if after one adjournment or more, it shall appear to them improbable that the whole number will attend within a reasonable time; then shall the accused, or, in case of his failure to do so, the bishop appoint another to complete the board, who shall then proceed to the trial, and a majority of them shall decide all questions.

Sec. 6. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, it shall be the duty of the bishop to proceed to pass sentence; and if he shall not confess them before the appointment of a board for his trial, as before mentioned, he shall be considered as denying them.

Sec. 7. If a clergyman presented, after having had due notice, shall not appear before the board of presbyters appointed for his trial, the board may nevertheless proceed as if he were present, unless for good cause they shall see fit to adjourn till another day.

Sec. 8. When the board proceed to the trial, they shall hear such evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively; and at the desire of either party, may be sworn to or affirmed by the witnesses respectively before the President of the Court. If on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the board may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

Sec. 9. Upon the application of either party to the bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any ma-

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terial witness cannot be procured upon the trial, the bishop may appoint a commissary to take the testimony of such witness. Such commissary may be either a clergyman or layman, and the party so applying shall give to the other at least six days notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance—and both parties may attend and examine the witness; and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the commissary, and enclosed under his seal and transmitted to the board, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such commissary, may be sworn or affirmed by him.

Sec. 10. The board having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be without delay communicated to the accused; and the original decision together with the evidence shall be delivered to the bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed, in severity, the sentence recommended by the board; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the bishop shall summon the accused and any two or more of the clergy to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend, and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the bishop. But the bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new board of presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

Sec. 11. All notices and papers contemplated in this canon may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the bishop, and whose certificates of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written notice or paper delivered to a party, or

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left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper; provided, however, that the service, if not personal, shall be a notice of at least sixty days.

SEC. 12. The accused may have the privilege of appearing by counsel, in case of the exercise of which privilege, and not otherwise, those who present shall have also the like privilege; which counsel shall in all cases be members of the Protestant Episcopal church.

SEC. 13. The record of all the proceedings upon a presentment of a clergyman, shall be preserved by the standing committee, and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their Secretary.

CANON IV.

The Clergy required to attend the meetings of the Convention.

SECTION 1. Whereas the regular attendance of the clergy at the meetings of the convention is of essential importance to the interests of the church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them.

SEC. 2. And whereas it is often found necessary to travel a considerable distance to the place of meeting of the convention, it is hereby made the duty of the several parishes to make provision for the expenses of their clergy in attending convention, either by a collection in church on Sunday, or by some other mode.

CANON V.

Ministers of Parishes to keep a Register.

SECTION 1. The Parish Register required by Canon XXIX, of the General Convention of 1832, shall specify the name and the time of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors; the names of the adults baptized and the witnesses; the names of the parties married and of two or more special witnesses of the same, and the place where the marriage was solemnized; the names of the persons buried, and also the time in which each rite was performed. It shall also contain the names of persons confirmed, and a list of the communicants. These registers shall be kept by the minister in a suitable book to be provided by the vestry, which book shall be the parish register, and shall be preserved by the vestry as a part of the records of the church.

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SEC. 2. Every minister of this diocese shall, on or before the first day of every annual convention, present or send to the bishop—or if there be no bishop, to the president of the convention—a statement of the number baptized and confirmed, since the last annual convention, the number of those who partake of the Lord's Supper, specifying the additions or removals that may have taken place; and the number of marriages and funerals. He shall also report the number of pupils and teachers connected with Sunday School instruction in the parish, and the amount of the "Offerings of the Church:" stating the objects to which such offerings are appropriated, and what has been done in compliance with the requisitions of the convention. He shall also report the name of the Treasurer of the vestry or congregation with which he may be connected as rector or officiating minister. The parochial report may also present concisely any other matters of fact which show the state of the parish.

SEC. 3. In every case where a parish is destitute of a minister the register contemplated in this canon shall be kept by some person appointed by the vestry for that purpose.

CANON VI.

Delegates to be chosen to represent the diocese in General Convention.

The Convention at each annual meeting shall choose delegates to attend the General Convention. And should the delegation elected to represent the diocese in General Convention be unable to attend, then the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a delegate or delegates in behalf of the diocese.

CANON VII.

Certificates to be required of lay delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

The appointment of lay delegates to the Convention of the diocese shall be certified in writing by the Rector, or Warden, or the Secretary of the Vestry, of the proper church. And no person shall be admitted as a Lay Delegate in this Convention who is not entitled to vote for vestrymen in the parish which he claims to represent.

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CANON VIII.

Parochial Assessments.

Sec. 1. At each annual Convention, assessments shall be laid upon the several Parishes to provide for the support of the Episcopate for the ensuing year, and to meet the contingent expenses of the Diocese.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese to collect by draft upon the Treasurer of each Parish, or otherwise, the amount of its assessment in four quarterly instalments, viz: on the 1st of August, 1st of November, 1st of February, and 1st of May.

Sec. 3. In order to secure the punctual payment of these assessments, it shall be the duty of the Minister of each Parish—or in case the Parish be destitute of a Minister, the Senior Warden—to make provisions by collections or otherwise, at least one week previous to the time each quarterly payment falls due, for meeting the drafts or calls of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall regularly charge the said assessments on his books against each vestry, crediting the same with payments when made; and shall report annually to the Convention the state of his accounts with each parish, which report shall be entered on the Journals of the Convention.

CANON IX.

Directing the mode of organizing the Convention.

The Convention shall be opened with prayer, after which the Bishop or President of the Convention shall proceed to organize in the following manner. A list of the clergy entitled to seats furnished by the Bishop shall first be called. The Bishop or President, shall appoint a committee of two clergymen to examine the certificates of the lay delegates who shall report thereupon, the names of such persons as are entitled to seats. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a Secretary, which being done, the Bishop or President shall pronounce the Convention duly organized. The Convention sermon shall be preached by the Bishop or by some clergyman appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, in the morning of the first day of the Convention.

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CANON X.

Of Missions and of Education for the Ministry.

SECTION 1. The Church of Christ being essentially a Missionary institution, and every part thereof pledged, by the Christian profession, to the support of the Missionary work; and the education of young men, for the ministry, being necessary to the furtherance of the gospel, in the same work—it is solemnly urged upon every member of the church, that he consider his Christian profession as involving direct obligation to promote these objects.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of every minister in this diocese, to instruct the people of his charge, in relation to these objects. And it is recommended to every member of the church, to lay by him, on the first day of the week, in store, for these purposes as God has prospered him, according to the Apostolic direction. It is recommended that there be in every parish in this diocese a monthly collection on Sunday, the avails of which shall be forwarded quarterly by the wardens thereof to the treasurer of the Missionary and Educational Committee.

SEC. 3. There shall be at each annual meeting of the Convention a Committee, consisting of the Bishop of the diocese, ex-officio, and four other members—two clerical and two lay, elected by ballot, to be called the Missionary Education Committee; to which shall be committed the appointment and regulation of beneficiaries, the appointing of missionaries and missionary stations, and making of all appropriations of money for either object; and no money shall be paid by the Treasurer but by an order of the Committee.

SEC. 4. It shall be the privilege of the contributors to designate to which purpose, and also to which branch of the missionary cause, if such be the designation, their contribution shall be applied. If no designation be made, it shall be at the disposal of the Committee.

SEC. 5. The Bishop of the diocese shall preside in all meetings of the Committee, when he is present, if absent, a chairman *pro tem.* shall be appointed. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 6. The Committee shall meet annually at the place and on the first day of the annual Convention of the diocese, and at such other times and places as the president may from time to time appoint, or as may be found convenient on their own ad-

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journment. Three attending members shall be a quorum, and every meeting shall be opened with prayer.

SEC. 7. No beneficiary or missionary shall be appointed without the written consent of the Bishop of the diocese; or in case there shall be no Bishop, the Standing Committee of the same, which consent shall be entered on the minutes.

SEC. 8. At every annual meeting of the Committee, the Secretary of the same shall submit a report of the transactions of the year, then terminated, which with the Treasurer's report of the receipts and expenditures shall be laid before the Convention.

SEC. 9. Vacancies in the Committee, occurring during the recess of the Convention, may be supplied by the Committee.

CANON XI.

Of the Pension Fund.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every clergyman having charge of a parish in this diocese, and of the wardens where there is no clergyman, to make a collection, annually, at Christmas, for creating a permanent fund in aid of aged and infirm clergymen, together with the Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen.

SEC. 2. All moneys so collected shall be given in charge to a Board of Trustees, consisting of two clergymen and two laymen, to be chosen by the Convention, and of which the Bishop shall be, *ex-officio*, President, or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee. This Board shall exercise a sound discretion in the appropriation of pensions, and shall appoint one of their own number Treasurer, to whom all contributions shall be forwarded.

CANON XII.

Of the Secretary of the Convention.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to transmit annually to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last house of the clerical and lay Deputies in the General Convention, to the Conservator of ecclesiastical documents appointed by the general Convention, and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of the Convention; and shall request the last to send copies of their respective Journals in

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exchange. He shall also transmit a copy to each clergyman and each lay deputy attending the Convention, and forward by mail, unless otherwise directed, ten copies to each church in the diocese.

SEC. 2. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Secretary of the Convention, the duties thereof shall devolve upon the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 3. Any expense incurred by a compliance with the several sections of this Canon shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the diocese.

CANON XIII.

Of Elections.

SECTION 1. All the officers of this Convention shall be elected by ballot; but elections by ballot may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the Convention.

SEC. 2. In all cases of failure, or omission to elect officers by the Convention, the persons last elected shall continue in office until others be chosen.

CANON XIV.

It shall be the duty of every Parish in this Diocese to make a collection on Easter-day of each year, or in case of there being no service on Easter, then on the next Sunday on which service may be held, towards creating a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate.

The Convention shall appoint three Laymen to act as trustees of the Episcopate fund, to whose hands the fund thus collected, shall be entrusted, with any other moneys or property which may be given by bequest or otherwise, for this purpose.

The trustees of this fund shall safely invest the same for accumulation until it shall reach the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, when the interest of the same, or income therefrom, shall be applied to the annual support of the Episcopate.

CANON XV.

SEC. 1. No proposed alteration or addition to the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice be given thereof in open Convention, nor unless by unanimous consent, until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to and reported upon by a committee of at least two presbyters and one layman.

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SEC. 2. Any Canon may be suspended temporarily by unanimous consent.

CANON XVI.

Whenever a clergyman shall refuse or neglect to discharge any duties growing out of an appointment under these Canons, without assigning to the ecclesiastical authority sufficient and satisfactory reasons for such neglect, he shall be liable to ecclesiastical proceedings or censure.

CANON XVII.

SEC. 1. Whenever there shall be a repealing clause in any Canon, and the said Canon shall be repealed, such repeal shall not be a re-enactment of the Canon or Canons repealed by the said repealing clause.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Canon shall also apply to Canons heretofore passed having repealing clauses.

CANON XVIII.

All former Canons of this Convention are hereby repealed.

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION IN FORMING CHURCHES.

Extract from the Journal of Convention of 1830.

Resolved, That it be recommended to each congregation of this diocese now existing, and also to each congregation which may hereafter be formed, before it shall be received into union with this convention, to adopt articles of association, declaratory of the objects of the congregation, and for increasing the facilities for the transaction of any business; and that the following form be adopted as near as circumstances will allow.

Form of Articles of Association for Congregations.

Whereas, the following named persons, citizens of ——— and its vicinity, in Tennessee, viz: ———, together with others, have associated together for the purpose of forming and establishing a church in which the worship of God shall be conducted according to the faith and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and have for that purpose formed a congregation at ———, now at this date worshipping in ——. They do hereby declare the following to be the objects, articles, and conditions of their association:

1. The name of the association or congregation shall be the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of ——— church

2. This church acknowledges itself to be a member of, and to belong to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Tennessee, and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. As such it accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the Constitution, canons, doctrines, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

3. Any member of this church or association, who shall disclaim, or refuse conformity to the said authority, shall cease to be a member of this association, and shall not be elected or vote in the election of Vestrymen, or exercise any office or function in, concerning or connected with the said church or association.

4. The rents and revenues of this association shall be from time to time applied for the maintenance and support of the rector, ministers and officers of the said church, and of the church, church-yards, and parsonage house, and other houses

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which now do, or may hereafter belong to the said association, and to no other purpose whatever.

5. The said association or church, or trustees, in whose name their property shall be vested, shall not by deed or by any other means, without the consent of the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in whose diocese this church shall, for the time, canonically be, under his hand; or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office, of the Standing Committee of the said diocese, by a major number thereof, under their hands, previously had and obtained, grant, alien, or otherwise dispose of, any land, messuages, tenements, or hereditaments in them vested for the use and benefit of the said church or congregation, nor charge nor incumber the same to any person whomsoever.

6. The Rector of this church shall be elected by the wardens and vestrymen in open meeting, duly convened for that purpose. The vestry of this church shall consist of not less than five, nor more than eleven persons, members of the said church, who shall continue in office one year, and until others be chosen; and the election of said vestrymen shall be made, annually on Easter Monday, by a majority of persons, worshippers in the said church, and not disqualified under the second of these articles, as shall appear by the vestry books to have paid two successive years, immediately preceding the time of the election, the full rent of a pew or seat in the said church, or contributed in any other regular way towards the support of the church or ministry; *provided*, that until the expiration of two years from Easter Monday next, after the opening the said church edifice for regular worship, any worshippers in the said congregation who shall have contributed and paid any sum to the support of the Rector or minister thereof, and not disqualified as above, shall be entitled to vote at the election of the vestrymen. And if the election of vestrymen should not be effected on Easter Monday, it may take place on any subsequent day, notice to that effect being given publicly, to the congregation on the Sunday immediately preceding the same.

7. No person shall be rector or minister, or assistant minister of this church, or allowed to execute any of the functions of the same, unless he shall be recognized by the Bishop in whose diocese this church shall canonically be, or, if there be no Bishop, then by the Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal church in the State of Tennessee, as a minister of the Protestant Episcopal church, in good standing.

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8. The said vestrymen shall have power to elect two church wardens, and such other officers as may be required by the canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or by the constitution and canons of the said church in Tennessee, or shall seem to them to be necessary—they shall exercise all other powers customarily belonging to their office, and in case of a vacancy in the rectorship, shall exercise all the powers by these articles vested in the rector, wardens, and vestrymen. *Provided always*, that it shall be the duty of the said wardens and vestrymen to elect another rector to supply such vacancy as soon as conveniently may be.

9. In case of the dissolution of this association for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estate, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church, in whose diocese this church may at the time be, and his canonical successors; to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of a future congregation of members of the Protestant Episcopal church, which may be formed in the same vicinity, and upon the same principles as the present church, and this association.

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" *W. C. GRAY,
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ST. JOHN'S	"	*Ashwood.*
ST. MARK'S	"	*Williamsport.*
TRINITY	"	*Clarksville.*
CALVARY	"	*Memphis.*
GRACE	"	"
ST. MARY'S	"	"
ST. LUKE'S	"	*Jackson.*
ST. JAMES'	"	*Bolivar.*
ZION	"	*Brownsville.*
TRINITY	"	*Tipton.*
IMMANUEL	"	*La Grange.*
ST. PAUL'S	"	*Randolph.*
ST. THOMAS'	"	*Somerville.*
ST. JOHN'S	"	*Knoxville.*
*GRACE	"	*Loudon.*
ST. PAUL'S	"	*Chattanooga.*
ST. JAMES'	"	*Greenville.*

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LAY DELEGATES—1859.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE,	Hon. F. B. Fogg, G. M. Fogg, M. Watson.
ADVENT, "	J. B. Craighead, J. Roberts, I. D. Martin.
HOLY TRINITY, "	T. O. Treanor,* Augustus Wakelee.*
TRINITY, CLARKSVILLE,	J. O. Shackleford,* J. D. Tyler.*
ST. PETER'S, COLUMBIA,	W. H. Hardin,* J. H. Devereux,* J. Baird.*
CALVARY, MEMPHIS,	L. W. Shanks, M. D.,* W. B. Richmond, John Millington, M. D.
GRACE, "	Hon. C. Scott,* O. B. Parker,* B. Heathman.*
ST. MARY'S, "	W. Armour,* R. C. Brinkley,* J. P. Trezevant.*
ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON,	James Caruthers,* Wm. H. Stephens,* J. M. Parker.*
ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR,	D. I. Wells, E. P. McNeal, P. Miller.*
TRINITY, TIPTON COUNTY,	J. F. Jett, S. W. Malone, R. B. Somerville.*
ST. JOHN'S, KNOXVILLE,	H. A. M. White, W. B. Reese,* S. T. Bailey.
ST. JAMES', GREENVILLE,	Wm. D. Williams, James H. Rumbough,* Roswell E. Kingsley.

* Not present in Convention.

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KNOXVILLE, *Wednesday, June 29th*, A. D. 1859.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Tennessee, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. John's Church, Knoxville, at half-past ten o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. David Pise, D. D., assisted by the Rev. J. A. Wheelock, B. D., the Bishop reading the Ante-Communion Service.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. George P. Schetky, B. D., after which the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Thomas W. Humes, the Rector of the Parish.

The Bishop took the chair and called the Convention to order.

He then caused to be read a list of Clergymen belonging to the Diocese and entitled to seats, of whom there were present as follows:

Rt. Rev. James H. Otey, D. D., LL. D.,

Rev. John A. Harrison,	Rev. David Pise, D. D.,
" Geo. C. Harris, (Deacon,)	" J. J. Ridley, D. D.,
" Richard Hines,	" J. W. Rogers,
" Thos. W. Humes,	" M. S. Royce,
" Thos. B. Lawson,	" Geo. P. Schetky, B. D.,
" Wm. Mowbray, (Deacon,)	" L. L. Smith,
" J. Thomas Pickett,	" J. A. Wheelock, B. D.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were laid upon the Secretary's table, and referred to the Rev. Messrs. L. L. Smith and Schetky as a Committee, who reported the following as duly appointed:

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Christ Church, Nashville,	Francis B. Fogg, Godfrey M. Fogg, Matthew Watson.
Church of the Advent, Nashville,	James B. Craighead, John Roberts, I. D. Martin.
Trinity Church, Clarksville,	J. O. Shackleford, John D. Tyler.
St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	J. H. Devereux, John Baird, Wm. H. Hardin.
Grace Church, Memphis,	O. B. Parker, B. Heathman, Charles Scott.
Calvary Church, Memphis,	L. W. Shanks, M. D., John Millington, M. D. W. B. Richmond.
St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	Wm. H. Stephens, James Caruthers, John M. Parker.
St. James' Church, Bolivar,	D. I. Wells, E. P. McNeal, P. Miller.
Trinity Church, Tipton County,	J. F. Jett, S. W. Malone, R. B. Somerville.
St. John's Church, Knoxville,	H. A. M. White, Wm. B. Reese, S. T. Bailey.

The list being called by the Secretary, the following appeared and took their seats:

G. M. Fogg, M. Watson, J. B. Craighead, I. D. Martin, W. B. Richmond, D. I. Wells, E. P. McNeal, J. F. Jett, S. W. Malone, H. A. M. White, S. T. Bailey.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Secretary, and the Rev. David Pise, D. D., was unanimously reëlected.

The President then declared the Convention duly organized.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention being

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read, were adopted for the government of this. (Vide Appendix A.)

The Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, June 30th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention assembled, the Bishop in the chair.

After prayers by the President, the roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Messrs. Francis B. Fogg, J. Roberts, and Dr. John Millington, Lay Delegates, appeared and took their seats.

Certificates of Lay Delegates from St. Mary's Church, Memphis, and Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville, were laid on the Secretary's table, and referred to the proper Committee, who reported the following as duly elected:

St. Mary's Church, Memphis,	Wm. Armour,
	R. C. Brinkley,
	J. P. Trezevant.
Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville,	T. O. Treanor,
	Augustus Wakelee.

The list being called, none were present.

On motion of L. L. Smith, the 5th Rule of Order was so amended as to read as follows:

"No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without permission from the President; nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken."

Also, additional Rules of Order, prescribing the order of business, were proposed, which were referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Clergymen belonging to this Diocese, but not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen belonging to other Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to take seats as honorary members of this Convention.

The President of the Standing Committee read the Report

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of that Committee, which was ordered to be appended to the Journal. (Vide Appendix B.)

On motion, the following Committees were appointed:

COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. Messrs. Pickett and Humes, and F. B. Fogg, Esq.

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Rev. Mr. Harrison, and Messrs. J. F. Jett and G. M. Fogg, Esq.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Mr. Schetky, and Messrs. M. Watson and S. T. Bailey.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention for the Revision of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, reported the Constitution as revised.

Rev. Mr. Harrison moved that it be made the order of the day for Saturday, and that copies of the proposed Constitution and Canons be printed for the use of the members of the Convention.

The motion was lost.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Constitution be taken up and read article by article.

The preamble and articles first and second were assented to.

To article third the following amendment was proposed: After the words "and the Bishop," insert the words, "with the consent of the Standing Committee."

The amendment was lost.

The Convention took a recess till 4 o'clock P. M.

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4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention reassembled, the Bishop in the chair.

A statement of an error in the account of arrearages with St. Peter's Church, Columbia, was laid before the Convention, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Account of the Secretary with the Convention for expenses

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attendant upon meetings of the Standing Committee, etc., was read, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Committee on Canons reported back the Rules of Order prescribing the order for doing business in the Convention, referred to them, amended as follows, and adopted:

The order of doing business in the Convention after its organization shall be as follows:

1. The appointment of the Committees of the Convention, and of Special Committees.
2. The Annual Address of the Bishop.
3. Reports from Committees of the Diocese.
4. Reports from the Treasurers.
5. Reports from Committees appointed at the last Convention.
6. Election by ballot of Treasurers, Standing Committees, Deputies to the General Convention, and Trustees of the University, and of the Episcopate and Pension Funds.

Article 4th of the proposed Constitution came up for assent.

The following amendment was proposed: To insert immediately after the words, "Each Church in union with this Convention may send three delegates," these words: "*who shall be communicants.*"

The ayes and nays being called for, and also the vote to be taken by orders, resulted as follows: Clergy, Ayes: Rt. Rev. Dr. Otey, Rev. Messrs. Harris, Hines, Lawson, Pise, Ridley, Royce, Schetky, Wheelock. Nays: Rev. Messrs. Harrison, Humes, Mowbray, Pickett, Rogers, L. L. Smith.

Laity, Ayes: Church of the Advent, Nashville. Nays: Christ Church, Nashville; Calvary Church, Memphis; St. James' Church, Bolivar; St. John's Church, Knoxville. Divided: Trinity Church, Tipton County.

The amendment was therefore lost, not being concurred in by the Laity.

The following amendment was then proposed: That after the words, "Each Church in union with this Convention may send three delegates," insert the words: "who shall be *baptized members.*"

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The question still pending, the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, July 1st, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment, the Bishop in the chair.

After prayers by the President, the roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Quintard (who, though in town on the first day of the Convention, was, on the night of his arrival, suddenly attacked with a dangerous illness) appeared and took his seat in Convention.

The order of the day being suspended, the Bishop read his Annual Address.

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the Ravenscroft property was referred to a committee.

The Chair appointed on that Committee Rev. Dr. Pise and Messrs. F. B. Fogg and M. Watson.

The Parochial Reports and the Bishop's Address being laid on the Secretary's table, were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Reports of the Treasurer of the Episcopate and Pension Fund being presented, were referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Church Book Society being presented, was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese was presented, and also referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee made the following Report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Auditing Accounts respectfully report: That they have examined the accounts of the Secretary of the Convention; and also the statement from St. Peter's Church, Columbia, and recommend that the same be allowed.

GEORGE P. SCHETKY,
M. WATSON,
S. T. BAILEY.

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The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society presented a Report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Convention took a recess till after Divine service.

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12 o'clock M.

The Convention reassembled, the Bishop in the chair.

Certificate of Lay Delegates from St. James' Church, Greenville, being laid on the Secretary's table, was referred to the Committee, who reported the following as duly elected: James H. Rumbough, Wm. D. Williams, and Roswell E. Kingsley.

Messrs. Williams and Kingsley appeared and took their seats in Convention.

The order of the day came up, being the amendment to Article 4th of the proposed Constitution.

The vote being taken, the amendment was lost.

The question recurring on the original Article, it was assented to.

Articles 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, received the assent of the Convention.

Article 9th being amended so as to read, "And two Laymen *who shall be communicants*," was assented to.

Article 10th, after amendment so as to read, "They shall appoint two Wardens out of their own body, *who shall be communicants*," received the assent of the Convention.

Articles 11th and 12th received the assent of the Convention.

The question recurring on the whole Constitution, it was assented to.

The Rules being suspended, the Committee on Assessments was appointed, consisting of the following persons:

Rev. Thomas W. Humes, *Chairman*.

" Mr. Harris,	Mr. G. M. Fogg,
" Dr. Ridley,	Mr. Craighead,
" Mr. Harrison,	Dr. Millington,
" Mr. Hines,	Mr. Wells,
" Dr. Pise,	Mr. Jett,

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Rev. Mr. Schetky,
" Mr. Royce,
" Mr. Lawson,
" Mr. Rogers.
Mr. White,
Mr. Williams.

The Committee on that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the disposition of the funds arising from the sale of the Ravenscroft property, made the following Report, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the disposal of the balance in the Bishop's hands from the sale of the Ravenscroft lot in Columbia, would respectfully recommend that it be appropriated towards cancelling the old debt on the property of the Columbia Female Institute.

DAVID PISE, *Chairman.*

The Auditing Committee presented the following Report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Auditing Accounts respectfully report, that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocese, including his report of arrearages due the Episcopate and Convention Funds. Also the accounts of the Treasurers of the Church Book Society of the Diocese of Tennessee, of the Diocesan Missionary and Education Society, Pension Fund, and Episcopate Fund, respectively, with the accompanying vouchers, and find them correct.

The Committee find, on an examination of the Episcopate and Pension Funds, that the accounts of moneys received and invested have been consolidated; and would recommend that in future these funds be reported separately, and that an equal division be made of the dividends on the bank stock now on hand and in future, and that the same be credited respectively to these funds. It is also recommended that the Treasurers of these funds be authorized by Convention to draw the dividends on the bank stock, and that the Trustees of each fund invest the funds then on hand.

Respectfully submitted:

GEO. P. SCHETKY,
M. WATSON,
S. T. BAILEY.

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The Reports of the Treasurer of the Diocese, Treasurer of the Episcopate and Pension Funds, and of the Treasurers of the Church Book Society, and of the Diocesan Missionary and Education Society, were ordered to be appended to the Journal. (Vide Appendix C, D, E, F, G.)

The election of the officers of the Convention was made the order of the day for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wheelock, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration that part of the Bishop's Address which has reference to the support of young men desirous of studying for the ministry.

The Chair appointed Rev. Dr. Quintard, Rev. Mr. Schetky, and Mr. Roberts.

By request, Rev. Mr. Lawson was added to this committee.

The Convention took a recess till 4 o'clock this afternoon.

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4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention reassembled, the Bishop in the chair.

Election of officers of Convention being the order of the day, the following elections were made by ballot:

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. David Pise, D. D., Francis B. Fogg,
" C. T. Quintard, M. D., James B. Craighead.
" J. J. Ridley, D. D.,

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. David Pise, D. D., Dr. Samuel Oldham,
" C. T. Quintard, M. D., Francis B. Fogg,
" J. A. Wheelock, B. D., J. F. Jett,
Wm. H. Stephens.

On the third ballot, Rev. J. T. Pickett was elected.

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Rev. Wm. Fagg. A. O. Harris,
" Geo. P. Schetky, J. F. Jett.

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On motion, the ballot being dispensed with, the following elections were made:

EPISCOPATE FUND.

John Baird, J. H. Devereux, W. J. Sykes.

PENSION FUND.

Rev. Geo. P. Schetky, J. P. Trezevant,
" Richard Hines, F. W. Smith.

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. J. J. Ridley, D. D., Rev. J. A. Harrison,
F. B. Fogg.

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Rev. David Pise, D. D., F. B. Fogg,
John Armfield.

TREASURER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

John Baird.

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

W. B. Richmond.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the indebtedness of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville, and of St. Paul's Church, Randolph, be cancelled.

The Committee on Assessments made their report, recommending the following schedule, which was adopted:

	For Episcopate.	Contingent Fund.
Christ Church, Nashville	$350	$28 00
Calvary, Memphis	450	36 00
Grace, "	100	8 00
St. Mary's, "	150	12 00
St. Peter's, Columbia	150	12 00
St. John's, Ashwood	50	4 00
Trinity, Clarksville	200	16 00
Immanuel, La Grange	50	4 00
St. Luke's, Jackson	150	12 00
St. John's, Knoxville	100	8 00

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	For Episcopate.	Contingent Fund.
St. James', Bolivar	60	4 80
Trinity, Tipton County	100	8 00
Ravenscroft Chapel	50	4 00
St. James', Greenville	20	1 60
St. Paul's, Franklin	35	2 80
Zion, Brownsville	20	1 60
St. Mark's, Williamsport	20	1 60
St. Paul's, Chattanooga	30	2 40
St. Thomas', Somerville	40	3 20
Emmanuel, Ripley	110	8 80
Advent, Nashville	250	28 00
St. Matthew's, Covington	15	1 20
Holy Trinity, Nashville	25	2 00
	$2525	$202 00

The Convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, July 2d, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment, the Bishop in the chair.

After prayers by the President, the roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Gen. Gideon J. Pillow was nominated by the Bishop as a Trustee of the Columbia Female Institute, in the place of the Hon. Francis B. Fogg, resigned, which nomination was confirmed by the Convention.

The proposed Canons being under consideration, the Convention took a recess till half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

HALF-PAST 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention reassembled, the Bishop in the chair.

The consideration of the new Canons being resumed, they were adopted as printed in the Appendix to the Journal. (Vide Appendix.)

On motion of Mr. F. B. Fogg, it was

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Resolved, That Mr. John Baird, of Columbia, be appointed Treasurer of the Episcopate and Pension Funds.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Mr. John Baird, the Treasurer of the Episcopate and Pension Funds, shall hold the bank-stock, dividends, and money now collected, one half for the Episcopate Fund, and the other half for the Pension Fund; and that he be authorized to invest the money in bank-stock or other safe securities; and separate accounts shall hereafter be kept of the moneys hereafter received for the Episcopate and Pension Funds.

The amendments of the Constitution and Canons proposed in the General Convention of 1856 were again brought to the notice of this Convention, having been published in the Journal of 1857.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address on the importance of aiding young men studying for the ministry, made a Report, which was received, and ordered on the Journal. (Vide Appendix H.)

The Church Book Society made a Report, which was ordered on the Journal. (Vide Appendix I.)

The Committee on the State of the Church made a Report, which was received, and ordered on the Journal. (Vide Appendix K.)

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. Mr. Lawson:

Whereas, It is manifest from the frequent declarations and the impaired health of many Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, that the amount of toil and labor, travel and fatigue, arising from the extent and largeness of their Dioceses, is much greater than can be well endured in the proper and faithful discharge of their holy office; and it is also manifest that the exigencies of the times require frequent, prompt, and protracted visitations among the churches already organized, and that, if parishes are to be rapidly and permanently established, in places now destitute of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, the Bishops, after the custom of the Apostles, of whom they are the successors, must go as leaders and advisers of their presbyters, that the Church may be felt in her strength and power, and seen in the beauty of her holiness;

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Resolved, therefore, That the Lay and Clerical Delegates of the Diocese of Tennessee to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church which is to convene at Richmond, Virginia, on the first Wednesday in October next, are hereby *earnestly requested,* if any opportunity whatever affords, to use their power and influence to reduce the geographical boundaries of the Dioceses, and thereby increase their number; that the Anglo-American Church may be rendered more efficient in the great work which she has to accomplish, and approximate more closely to the form and usages of the Church Catholic in her primitive and pure days.

The resolution was lost.

The Rev. Dr. Ridley offered the following resolution, which prevailed unanimously:

Whereas, It is greatly to be desired that the legislation of the Church should be confided to members of the body of Christ; therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Vestries within the Diocese be requested to send hereafter as Lay Delegates to the Convention none other-but communicants, if practicable.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in Columbia, on the third Wednesday in May, 1860.

The Rev. Mr. Schetky offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Convention be and are hereby returned to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of St. John's Church, Knoxville, for the liberal and convenient arrangements made for the accommodation of the members of this Convention.

Resolved, That this Convention cannot terminate its present session without expressing a grateful sense of the delightful hospitality extended by the people of Knoxville to the members of this Convention, and that the Rector of St. John's Church give such publicity to this resolution as he may deem expedient.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Journal be printed, with the *proposed* Constitution and the newly adopted Canons appended, and distributed under the direction of the Secretary.

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The minutes of this day's proceedings were read and approved.

The House then, on motion, resolved to adjourn, after the usual devotions.

Whereupon, after singing a hymn, and prayers and the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

JAMES H. OTEY,
President of the Convention.

[*Attest:*]
DAVID PISE, *Secretary.*

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ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

In the good providence of God, we are permitted to meet together again in council and form the Thirty-first Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee. In laying before you the Report which is called for by the Canons of the Church, I am reminded, in reviewing the labors of the past year, of sad events which have marked its successive periods.

Two of those who assisted at my consecration to the office of Bishop, a little more than twenty-five years ago, have, in the wisdom of God, been called from the scene of their earthly labors to enter upon the realities of the eternal world. I refer to the decease of Bishops H. U. Onderdonk and G. W. Doane. They were both of them, emphatically, men of mark, and have left an abiding impress of their individual character upon their respective fields of labor.

The sound, logical mind of Bishop Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, fitted him in a peculiar manner to deal successfully with those questions of ecclesiastical polity whose proper treatment and adjustment are so necessary to the peace and harmony of the Christian world. These questions must be met fairly and discussed temperately, in order to reconcile the variant opinions and the diversified practices of Christians, and so promote the unity of the Church of Christ; or they must be altogether ignored, thereby giving opportunity for unbelief and schism to triumph, and so bring reproach on the cause of Christ. It is believed that the labors of Bishop Onderdonk have been eminently useful in this respect, and that they will prove a rich contribution to the theology of the Church. He died at an advanced age, in the midst of his family and friends, honored by their love, and by the confidence of the community in which a large portion of his active

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life was passed. It is to myself a cause of grateful remembrance to reflect that the remission of the ecclesiastical sentence to which he had meekly submitted for twelve years, was moved by myself in the House of Bishops, and that the only cloud which seemed to obscure the brightness of his setting sun, was thus removed by the suffrages of a very large majority of my brethren.

The other Rt. Rev. brother to whom I have referred—the Bishop of New Jersey—preached the sermon at my consecration; and now, after an interval of more than a quarter of a century, it seems to me that I can recall to mind the glowing words of earnest warning with which he enforced the obligations of duty, and almost hear the thrilling tones of encouragement by which he sought to animate me to fulfil the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God.

It is next to an impossible thing that a man in his position can escape misrepresentation; that earnestness and zeal like his should not provoke opposition; that his aims and objects should not be pronounced preposterous and foolish by an age which appears almost to abandon itself to the idolatry of wealth-worship—in a country where every man feels at liberty to pronounce judgment upon the wisdom, piety, and virtue of his neighbor; and where, consequently, the most excellent plans for promoting the best interests of the Church and of society are liable to be defeated by envy, hatred, and prejudice, or other low and debasing passions. Whatever may have been the errors and mistakes of Bishop Doane—and doubtless they were many, as observation generally demonstrates to be the case with men of earnest minds, noble conceptions, and intent upon accomplishing the greatest amount of good in their day and generation—the large majority of those among whom he lived and labored will grant that he was a man of extraordinary endowments, of large heart, unselfish, self-sacrificing, devoted to his friends, and so full of the gentleness of Christ that he never deported himself as an enemy to any man. Nobly did he wage the battle of life. Its close was marked by a strength of faith and hope in God through Christ, which the most confident of us all might well pray for as the allotment to our own final hour!

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It is said that "Death loves a shining mark;" and the cases on which we have remarked do seem, indeed, to verify the truth of the saying. But his victims are more numerous among the far greater multitude of the humble and obscure in our world. Since our last Convention our own little circle of the ministry has been further contracted, by the removal of one of our number. The Rev. Joseph Gray, ordained to the office of permanent Deacon, in July, 1857, departed this life at Clarksville during the past winter, in hope of a joyful resurrection in the day when Christ shall "come to judge the quick and the dead!"

Thus, brethren, we are yearly admonished, by the departure of those in conspicuous elevations, as of the lowly and humble, to "be ready for the coming of our Lord;" "and if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, blessed are those servants whom he shall find watching."

The Report of the last year's services brought the detail of my official acts to the 16th of May.

Sunday, May 30th.—I administered the Holy Communion in Immanuel Church, La Grange, to a large number of the Clergy and Laity assembled at the Convention, and on the same day confirmed *nine* persons.

June 2d. — I confirmed *one* person in Calvary Church, Memphis.

June 5th. — I visited the congregation of St. Thomas' Church, Somerville, in charge of Rev. J. W. Rogers, and at night, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Harris and the Rector, I preached to a large congregation.

Sunday, June 6th.—Morning prayer was celebrated by Rev. Messrs. Rogers and Harris, and I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, after the Litany was said, I confirmed *fourteen* persons and preached. At night, after prayers, I again preached and confirmed *one* person. The congregations were so large during the day as to crowd our place of worship to its utmost capacity, thus practically demonstrating the great necessity of a church-building. It is cause of much satisfaction to learn that this work has been begun with every prospect of success.

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From the 10th of June to the 22d, I was absent in North Carolina. The special cause of my journey to that State, at a time when private cares and official duties made it very inconvenient for me to leave home, was a call, which I did not feel at liberty to disregard, to officiate at the reïnterment of the remains of my much-loved friend and preceptor, the late Dr. Elisha Mitchell, Senior Professor in the University of North Carolina. The circumstances of his tragical end by a fall from a precipice forty-four feet high, near the base of the Black Mountain, the highest land in the United States east of the Mississippi river, are too well known to require repetition. He was a gentleman distinguished for many excellences of character, of high attainments in science, and his death produced a profound sensation of sorrow throughout the country. He had, many years ago, ascertained, by measurement and observation, that the Black Mountain was the highest point of the Blue Ridge, and it was while engaged in surveys to verify this fact that he lost his life. He now lies interred on the highest pinnacle of the great Apalachian range, which, rising above the clouds and tempests of the lower world into the clear and pure atmosphere above, perpetuates the memory of his name and death.

During my absence I preached twice at Ashville, North Carolina, in the church under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. Buxton; and also read prayers and preached in the church at Greenville, in this State. This parish has been now for a year or two without any pastoral oversight. It is feeble in numbers and resources, and all the efforts I have made to procure the services of a minister have, up to this time, been unsuccessful.

I reached Nashville, on my return from North Carolina, on Thursday, June 24th. The next evening preached for the congregation of the Advent.

Sunday, 27th.—After prayers in the congregation of the Advent by Rev. Messrs. Lee, Quintard, and Harris, I preached to a large congregation, confirmed a class of *sixteen* persons, and addressed them. At half-past five P. M., I preached at the Church of the Holy Trinity, after the Litany by Rev. Dr. Quintard, and confirmed *two* persons. At night, the Rev. L.

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L. Smith read prayers in Christ Church; I preached, and then confirmed *seven* persons.

Tuesday, 29th.—After prayers by Rev. Messrs. Quintard and Sandels, at eight P. M., I preached in St. Paul's Church, Franklin.

The 5th and 6th days of July I was with the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, assembled at Beersheba Springs, according to previous notice. The proceedings of this body have been published and widely distributed through the Diocese, so that there is no need that I should remark particularly upon its business. The most important matters considered and acted on were the appointment of Committees to procure deeds of conveyance for lands donated to the University, a Committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the government of the institution, two Commissioners to collect funds, and the acceptance by the Board of the Charter of incorporation granted by the Legislature of Tennessee. Very gratifying information has recently reached us of the favor with which the application of our Commissioners to procure funds for an endowment has been received by the people of the South. It is understood that *three hundred and twenty thousand dollars* have been pledged for this purpose by a comparatively small number of persons. The efforts of the Commissioners have been heretofore confined almost exclusively to the State of Louisiana. The very liberal contribution made in that State ought surely to encourage and provoke the people of Tennessee to imitate and emulate this liberality, especially when they remember that the site of this University is within the bounds of their own State sovereignty, that the Institution holds its charter from their own Legislature, and that none can share more largely in its advantages and privileges than their own fellow-citizens.

Language can scarcely magnify beyond due bounds the value and importance of this enterprise, if successfully accomplished, to the citizens of the ten States confederated for the projected work. It ought, therefore, to be pushed forward with all the energy, zeal, and disposable means which our Lay brethren can command for its completion. I say *Lay brethren*, because with them it rests, (by supplying or withholding the means,) whether

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the object proposed shall be attained or not. It is for their benefit chiefly and directly that it has been projected, and to them will accrue the greatest advantages if it succeeds.

Sunday, July 11th.—In the congregation of Grace Church, Memphis, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Schetky, I preached and confirmed *six* persons.

Tuesday, August 3d.—I confirmed *five* persons in St. Matthew's Church, Covington, after prayers by Rev. J. T. Pickett, and sermon by Rev. G. P. Schetky. Services were held three times to-day in this church, and on each occasion large congregations attended.

Wednesday, 4th.—At 9 A. M., morning prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. Rogers and Harrison, when I delivered an address to a very large congregation, upon the doctrines, worship, etc., of the Church; after which I laid the corner-stone of the new church since erected in Covington, and which is now ready for consecration, or nearly so. In the afternoon I went with several of the clergy into the country, and baptized a sick child and confirmed *two* persons, and returning had prayers and sermon at night.

Sunday, 8th.—Prayers were said by Rev. Messrs. Harrison and Pickett, in Trinity Church, Tipton county; Mr. Wheelock baptized two adults. I preached, confirmed four persons, and administered the holy communion. In the afternoon the house was filled to its utmost capacity by the black people, so that there was not any more room even to stand; when Mr. Wheelock said prayers, and Mr. Hines preached. The necessity for more ample accommodations begins to be seriously felt in this congregation, and it is to be hoped that they will erelong either enlarge their present building or erect a new church.

Monday, 16th.—In Zion Church, Brownsville, after prayers at night by Rev. Mr. Collins, I preached, and confirmed *two* persons.

Sunday, September 5th.—I read prayers and preached in the forenoon in a meeting-house in the country, in the vicinity of which there are found several families belonging to the Church. At night I returned to Memphis, and, after prayers

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by Rev. Mr. Schetky in Grace Church, I preached and confirmed *two* persons.

Sunday, 12*th*.—I confirmed in Calvary Church, Memphis, at night, *three* persons, after prayers and sermon.

Sunday, *October* 3*d*.—In St. John's Church, Knoxville, after morning prayers by Rev. Mr. Humes, I preached and administered the holy communion. In the afternoon, after prayers, I preached and confirmed *nine* persons.

Sunday, 10*th*.—On my way to Baltimore to attend the Board of Missions, I spent this day in Richmond, Virginia, and preached three times: in the morning at St. James' Church, in the afternoon at the Monumental Church, and at night in St. Paul's, after prayers by their respective Rectors.

Monday, 11*th*.—It was my privilege to be present at the funeral of the venerable Dr. Maguire, Rector of St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, Virginia, and to assist in the solemnities paid to the memory of one of the most faithful and beloved of the ministers of our Church.

Wednesday, *Thursday*, *and Friday*, *the* 13*th*, 14*th*, *and* 15*th of October*.—I attended the meetings of the Board of Missions in Christ Church, Baltimore. An account of its proceedings has been published and distributed through the Spirit of Missions.

Sunday, 17*th*.—Preached in Christ Church, Baltimore, in the morning, and at night, after prayers by Rev. Dr. Balch; and in the afternoon at Grace Church, after prayers by Rev. Dr. Cox.

Sunday, 24*th*. — Having reached Chattanooga on Friday night on my return from Baltimore, I employed yesterday in making inquiries into the condition of the congregation, and this day in preaching. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church was kindly tendered to our use, and at 11 A. M. a very large congregation filled the house, and many went away for want of seats. The Rev. Mr. Sandels read prayers, and I preached. The people seemed very attentive, and some of them, I have reason and good hope to believe, were so impressed as to resolve on a new life, or at least to give more attention to heavenly and eternal things. At night we again had an over-

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flowing congregation, and, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Sandels, I preached and confirmed *two* persons.

Notwithstanding the favorable appearances which, last Fall, gave promise of the growth of this congregation, I am sorry to be obliged to report that these bright hopes have been darkened by disappointment. The Rev. Mr. Sandels resigned his charge at Chattanooga last March, and removed to Arkansas. I learn from a member of the Vestry that a contract was entered into last year with a builder to erect a suitable house of worship; that this contract was based upon plans, specifications, and estimates made by an architect from the city of Nashville, and that there was an error in the estimates for the brick-work, making a difference of eleven or twelve hundred dollars in the cost between the estimate of the architect and the measured work. The consequence is that the builder retains a lien upon the house, has sued for payment, and the Vestry have no means to meet it. It is very deeply to be regretted that such things are of so frequent recurrence among us, showing, as they do, great carelessness or neglect on the part of those who have the charge of such business, and bringing reproach upon the Church.

Tuesday, 26*th*.—In Christ Church, Nashville, after prayers at night by Rev. Messrs. Quintard and Harris, I preached, and confirmed *three* persons.

Wednesday, 27*th*.—At night prayers were said by Rev. Messrs. Smith and Sandels in the Hall used for worship by the congregation of the Advent, when I preached, and confirmed *five* persons, and delivered an address.

Thursday, 28*th*.—Prayers were said by Rev. Messrs. Smith and Quintard in the Church of the Holy Trinity at night, when I preached, and confirmed *thirteen* persons.

Friday, 30*th*.—Part of this day was employed in the examination of Rev. George C. Harris for admission as a candidate for Priest's Orders, which being satisfactorily sustained, he was admitted, and enrolled on the list of such candidates.

At night prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Royce, and I preached in St. Paul's Church, Franklin.

Sunday, 31*st*.—Catechized the children of the Sunday-

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school, and preached in the morning and at night in St. Paul's Church, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Royce.

Tuesday, 2d of November.—After morning prayer in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, I preached to a small congregation.

Wednesday, 3d.—Rev. Mr. Hildebrand read morning prayer for a small congregation, in St. John's Church, Ashwood, after which I preached, and confirmed a colored man.

Thursday, 4th.—Prayers were read at night in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, by Rev. Messrs. Lee and Quintard. I preached to a large congregation, and confirmed *six* persons—all of them except one being members of the Columbia Female Institute.

Sunday, 7th.—Morning prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. Shindler and Harrison in St. Thomas' Church, Somerville, after which I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. A large number participated in this sacrament, besides five clergymen. In the afternoon the Litany was said by Rev. Mr. Lawson. Mr. Wheelock preached, and I confirmed *three* persons.

From the middle of November to the 1st January, 1859, I was engaged in a visitation of the Churches and Missionary Stations in Arkansas, undertaken at the instance of the Right Rev. Dr. Brownell, Presiding Bishop, and of which a report has already been made to the Domestic Committee of Missions. This arrangement, so far as I am concerned, is merely temporary, and was entered into with the expectation that permanent provision would be made for the Episcopal supervision of Arkansas by the next General Convention.

Sunday, January 2d, 1859.—In Grace Church, Memphis, Rev. Mr. Hines read prayers at night, after which I preached, and confirmed *six* persons, and delivered an address.

Wednesday, 19th.—I left home to pay a visit to Winchester, where I had engaged to meet the Rev. Thomas A. Morris, of Alabama, with a view to making arrangements for his settlement at that place. Although there are but few members of the Church there, yet the prospect seemed encouraging enough to justify efforts to build up a congregation there in the principles of our faith and worship; and Mr. M. has

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accordingly removed with his family to that point, and commenced his labors without the promise of any compensation from those whom he serves. The Rev. J. B. T. Smith has joined him in this effort, and in conjunction with Mr. Morris expects to officiate as opportunity may serve at Fayetteville, Shelbyville, and some other of the towns and villages situated on or near the line of the railroads which thread the middle portion of the Diocese.

During my visit to Winchester, I preached twice, and delivered an address setting forth the distinctive character of our ecclesiastical organization, government, and worship. In these services I was assisted by Rev. Mr. Morris.

Saturday, March 19th, and Sunday, 20th.—I read prayers in Forest Chapel, and discoursed at large upon the subject of our ministry, worship, etc. I was led to do this in consequence of certain misrepresentations made about our Church, and the refusal of the Methodist minister to permit us to use the house for administering the rite of Confirmation, on the ground that it was an erroneous and heretical practice!

Sunday, 27th.—At Trinity Church, Tipton county. This was the negroes' Sunday, as it is termed, when the Rector of this parish preaches to the black people exclusively. He read a portion of the morning prayer, including the Creed, Epistle, and Gospel: on this last he commented, and then baptized two adults. I then discoursed on 1 Cor. xv. 1–12, and confirmed *eight* persons—all colored people. In the afternoon I rode some seven or eight miles to the house of Mr. Malone, and after conversation confirmed an old negro man, who had been freed by his master, in consequence of his long and faithful service.

Left home on the evening of Wednesday, March 30th, for Clarksville, Tenn., which place I reached on the evening of Friday, April 1st.

Saturday, 2d. — Heavy showers of rain fell continuously through the day. At 11 A. M., after prayers by Dr. R., I preached in Trinity Church. At night, after prayers by Dr. Ridley, I preached and confirmed *nine* persons.

Sunday, 3d.—Dr. R. read morning prayers; I preached and administered the Lord's Supper. All of those confirmed the

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night before partook of it. In the afternoon Dr. R. read the Litany, and I preached. At night I preached again after prayers by Dr. R., and confirmed *three* persons.

Monday, 4*th*.—At 11 A. M., prayers by Dr. R., and sermon by myself. At night Dr. R. said prayers, and I preached, and then confirmed *one* person, making thirteen in all during this visit to Clarksville.

On my return from Clarksville I stopped at Nashville three days, partly to visit an old friend who, I learned, was in the extremity of sickness, and whom thirty years ago I had presented to Bishop Ravenscroft for the rite of Confirmation. My presence in his sick-chamber waked up old memories, and stirred recollections of spiritual struggles, earnest resolves, and hearty efforts to live the life of a Christian; and this aged man, shattered by disease, and tortured by pain, wept like a child. It was my privilege again to preach Christ to him as an all-sufficient Saviour to the believing and penitent soul, as made of God unto us "wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption." In company with his pastor I administered to him and his family the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, as I trust, to the strengthening of his faith, the comforting of his hope, and the increase of his charity. He died a few weeks after. He was among the earliest, most steadfast, and liberal friends of the Church in this Diocese. He was the *first white* child born in Sumner county, and the second in Tennessee, west of the Cumberland Mountains.

Sunday, 10*th*.—I preached three times to-day in the room in the Court-house at Winchester, fitted up for our worship, after prayers on each occasion by Rev. Messrs. J. B. T. Smith and T. A. Morris. On the last occasion I confirmed *three* persons.

During the remainder of this month, after reaching home on the 12th, I was confined to my house by a violent attack of illness, and was able to do very little service.

Sunday, 24*th*.—Easter-day. I confirmed *ten* persons in Calvary Church, Memphis. Prayers by Dr. White; sermon by Dr. Page.

Monday, 25*th*.—After prayer at Grace Church in the

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morning by Mr. Schetky and Dr. Page, I confirmed *seven* persons.

Sunday, May 1st.—In St. Luke's Church, Jackson, after morning prayers by Rev. Mr. Wheelock, and sermon by Rev. Mr. Pickett, I confirmed *five* persons.

Friday, 6th.—I confirmed a sick person in private at Memphis, and the next day administered to him the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 8th.—In St. James' Church, Bolivar, the Rev. Mr. Pickett read morning prayer, and after sermon by Rev. Mr. Harrison, I confirmed *nine* persons—one of them a colored woman.

Sunday, June 5th.—At Eylau, in Haywood county, the residence of Dr. Samuel Oldham, I read morning prayer, preached, and confirmed *one* person. I remained with this hospitable gentleman several days, realizing thereby a great improvement in health and strength.

Thursday, 9th.—Left for Clarksville, and arrived there Sunday morning.

Whitsunday, 12th.—The Rev. Dr. Ridley having been summoned to the country to officiate at a burial, I read morning prayer in Trinity Church, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon of the same day I rode into the country to Whitehall, the residence of Mrs. L. Williams, read prayers, and preached to a considerable congregation. A project is now on hand to erect a chapel in this neighborhood, and from the zeal of those engaged in the enterprise, I think they will succeed. At night, having returned to Clarksville, I preached in Trinity Church, after prayers by Rev. Dr. Ridley.

Tuesday, 14th.—Prayers were read at night by Dr. Ridley, when I preached, and confirmed *three* persons.

Friday, 17th.—I arrived at Ashwood, *via* Nashville, and, after prayers, preached to a small congregation in St. John's Church, Ashwood, Maury county.

Sunday, 19th.—In St. Peter's Church, Columbia, morning prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Hildebrand, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Lee and Pise, when I preached, and, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Pise, administered the Holy Communion. At night,

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after prayers by Rev. Mr. Lee, I again preached, and confirmed *six* persons—four of them being pupils at the Columbia Female Institute.

This school, I am happy to be able to say, appears to be fulfilling more perfectly than at any time since its foundation the aims and purposes of its founders, by establishing a better system of intellectual training, and by inculcating more constantly and faithfully upon the minds and hearts of the pupils the cardinal doctrines of the gospel. The patronage of the school is not equal to the expectations of its friends, and is insufficient to maintain it on its present foundation of enlarged accommodations and means for thorough education. Under these circumstances, it is matter of surprise and regret to learn that many members of our own Communion overlook all the advantages of this seminary, and send their daughters to distant places at an increased expense, where they almost inevitably mingle with persons and form associations unfriendly to the sentiments, institutions, and habits of life to which they are accustomed at home.

Tuesday, 21*st*.—In the absence of the Rector, read evening prayer and preached in St. Paul's Church, Franklin. The next day I administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to a sick member of our Church, then thought to be *in extremis*.

Friday, 24*th*.—At Nashville, examined Wm. C. Gray, candidate for Deacon's Orders; and at night, after prayers by several of the Clergy, I preached and confirmed *sixteen* persons in the Church of the Holy Trinity. This congregation is ministered to by Rev. Geo. C. Harris, (Deacon,) and seems to be greatly increasing by his labors.

Saturday, 25*th*.—At night, after prayers in Christ Church by Rev. L. L. Smith, assisted by Rev. J. B. T. Smith, I preached and confirmed *ten* persons.

Sunday, 26*th*.—In the morning, in Christ Church, prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Smith; Rev. Dr. Pise preached; after which Wm. Crane Gray was presented for Orders by Rev. Dr. Ridley, examined in open Church, and then, by imposition of my hands, was solemnly set apart to the office of a Deacon in the Church of God.

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In the congregation of the Church of the Advent at night, Rev. Dr. Quintard and Rev. Wm. C. Gray read prayers, after which I preached to a very large congregation and confirmed *sixteen* persons. This congregation, by its Vestry, have taken measures to erect a church edifice, the need of which begins to be sorely felt.

Monday, 27*th*.—Arrived with several of the Clergy at Winchester, on our way to the Diocesan Convention. At night prayers were read by Rev. Messrs. Pise and Quintard, when I preached in the Court-house room fitted up for worship, and confirmed *four* persons.

From the foregoing statement, it will appear that I have held confirmation on thirty-seven occasions since the last Convention, and confirmed two hundred and thirty-five persons, being an increase of one hundred and two over the number reported the last year. The whole number reported is less than that added by confirmation in a year to some of the congregations in our large cities, and consequently appears to be very inadequate to the labors bestowed for such fruits. But we must remember, my brethren, that we work a very different soil here in the West, and that we encounter obstacles to our growth of which our Eastern brethren know scarcely any thing. The fact of increase as stated is certainly matter of encouragement to us to be more abundant in our labors; and, above all, let us remember that "it is God that giveth the increase;" and that whether the seals of our ministry be many or few, we shall be held accountable only for faithfulness in our ministry.

The clerical changes which have occurred in the Diocese since the last Convention are the following: The Rev. John L. Gay, dismissed to the Bishop of North Carolina. The Rev. Joseph H. Ingraham, dismissed to the Bishop of Mississippi. The Rev. J. G. Downing, dismissed to the Bishop of South Carolina. The Rev. John Gierlow, (Deacon,) dismissed to the Bishop of South Carolina. The Rev. John Sandels, (Presbyter,) dismissed to Missionary jurisdiction of Arkansas. The Rev. Joseph Gray, (Deacon,) has died. The Rev. James W. Rogers, received on letters dimissory from Bishop of Mississippi. The Rev. Thomas B. Lawson, received

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on letters dimissory from Bishop of Mississippi. The Rev. Thomas A. Morris, received on letters dimissory from Bishop of Alabama. The Rev. J. B. T. Smith, received on letters dimissory from Bishop of Alabama. The Rev. J. G. Downing, received on letters dimissory from Bishop of Illinois The Rev. George C. Harris, (Deacon,) received on letters dimissory from Bishop of Mississippi. The Rev. B. S. Judd, (Deacon,) received on letters dimissory from Bishop of Wisconsin.

The whole number of Clergymen now belonging to the Diocese, including one suspended and another absent in England without leave, is twenty-seven.

Of those received into the Diocese on letters dimissory, the Rev. J. W. Rogers is Missionary and Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Somerville. Rev. H. T. Lee, Joint Principal of Columbia Female Institute and Missionary to St. Mark's Church, Williamsport. Rev. Thomas B. Lawson, Itinerant Missionary in Tipton and Lauderdale Counties. Rev. Messrs. Morris and J. B. T. Smith, Missionaries at Winchester. The Rev. George C. Harris, Deacon to the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville. The Rev. B. S. Judd resides at Winchester.

By the removal of the Rev. Messrs. Gay and Sandels, the congregations at Loudon and Chattanooga are left without ministerial care.

At Loudon a church and parsonage were erected at a cost of several thousand dollars, obtained chiefly out of the Diocese; and having been left by the incumbent, there exists scarcely a remote probability that a congregation of the Church will ever be gathered there again.

The Rev. R. Shepherd, after having collected over a thousand dollars outside of the Diocese to aid in the construction of a church at Louisville, on the Tennessee river, loaned the money to some connections of his own, took notes payable to himself, and then without leave departed for England, where he is now understood to be acting as a curate under the authority of the Bishop of Durham. I shall again lay his case before the Bishop of Durham, and if he does not require him to make amends for his unclerical behavior, I shall, as far as in my power,

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enforce the discipline of the Church upon Mr. Shepherd, according to the provisions of our own Canons.

The candidates now belonging to the Diocese since the recent ordination of Mr. Gray, are George H. Hunt and James Vaulx, students at Nashotah, Wisconsin; George S. Blackie, M. D., and Professor in the Nashville University, studying with Rev. L. L. Smith; Mr. George James, with Rev. Mr. Royce; Mr. William Bowers, with Rev. George P. Schetky; Mr. William Adams, with Rev. Dr. Ridley; Mr. Ed. W. Gilliam has been transferred to the Bishop of North Carolina.

I have received notice from several other young men of their wish and intention to take orders in the Church. Of these, some are preparing by study to become candidates at one or other of our theological seminaries; others are studying in private, and others again teaching school to procure means for the prosecution of their studies. It is matter of profound regret, not to say mortification, that we have no funds provided in the Diocese, with its immense resources, to aid such aspirants to the holy office of the ministry in securing to themselves the advantages of theological training and associations at our schools of divinity. The number of those offering themselves for the clerical profession would encourage us to hope that God is indeed answering the prayers of his Church, which have gone up for years past from every part of the land, beseeching Him to raise up faithful men, to become diligent pastors of the flock of Christ. But how is such a hope shaded in its brightness, when we realize the little interest manifested by our people in this work, and how inadequate the means provided by them for the proper education and due preparation of the young men of the Church for this holy and responsible calling! Great reason have we yet to prefer and urge the prayer of God's prophet, "O Lord! revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

I have to report to the Convention, that the Trustees of Ravenscroft College during the past year held a meeting, and upon deliberation passed an order to sell the property held by them in trust, and directed that the proceeds of the sale

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thereof should be returned to those who had contributed the money with which the property had been acquired, consisting of about ten acres of land and a house—the returns to be in proportion to the sums contributed. The sale was accordingly made, and notes for a few hundred dollars placed in my hands as representing a large number of donors of small amounts, and to whom it would be difficult, if not impossible, now to make return of their contributions. The proposal has been submitted to me to give the pro rata portion thus assigned to me, to liquidate a small debt due from the Columbia Female Institute, and so bring that Institution under the control of the Convention. I do not think that I have any authority to do this, and I prefer that the Convention, if it please, would take the responsibility of its disposition.

Upon reviewing the last year's work as exhibited in the foregoing statements, and such as will appear from reading the parochial reports, we have certainly cause to "thank God, and take courage." The middle and western parts of the Diocese present many indications of progress onward. It is only in the eastern part that the Church, which some years ago seemed to give so rich promise of increase, now appears to languish, and her life, except in this parish, to be dying out. I am constrained to believe, and to say, that very much of the discouragement and misfortune which now overshadow several of our stations that once promised well, are attributable in some instances partly, and in others almost wholly, to the carelessness, negligence, and inefficiency of the ministry.

The affairs of the Church in Chattanooga and Loudon, from all I can learn, have been left in a deplorable condition; and the end must be most disastrous, as already intimated, unless the few friends of the Church left shall exert themselves vigorously to find and apply a remedy. What that remedy is I am really unable to say, unless it be united and vigorous effort to employ a zealous and faithful clergyman to rally the remaining members and supporters of the Church, and direct their efforts to the accomplishment of feasible and not impracticable objects. The ill consequences of attempt-

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ing to build houses of worship before worshippers have been gathered into congregations united for regular worship, have been so forcibly demonstrated in the past history of the Diocese, that the seal of consummate folly will surely be stamped on all such attempts hereafter.

From the Rev. Mr. Downing I learned that he had attempted to establish a school and the worship of the Church at St. Andrew's, Riverside, last year. He and the proprietor of Riverside very soon disagreed beyond reconcilement, as was to have been expected, and he has taken letters dimissory.

The General Convention meets, as you are aware, at Richmond next October. It devolves upon this body to elect four clerical and four lay deputies to represent this Diocese in that Convention. Bishops have been elected for the Dioceses of Texas and New Jersey, and an assistant Bishop for Ohio. To the General Convention will be referred the decision of all questions connected with the consecration of the Bishops elect. You should, therefore, in view of these and other important matters which will come before that Council of the Church for deliberation and advisement, exercise a prudent discretion in selecting wise and sober-minded men for your representatives.

It is cause of devout gratitude to God—the God of peace and love—that he vouchsafes His blessing in still giving to the Church the spirit of peace and quietness, and that our Communion in particular is not agitated by any distracting questions threatening to rend that unity which Christ prayed might bind together his disciples in one holy fellowship, thereby evidencing to the world that the Father had sent him. May the Spirit of love and peace rest upon and abide with us for ever!

Your faithful friend and affectionate pastor,

JAMES H. OTEY.

KNOXVILLE, July 1, 1859.

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APPENDIX.

A

Rules of Order as amended and adopted:

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the business of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without permission from the President; nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the House, unless on a motion for reconsideration made by one of the majority.

7. No motion shall be considered as before the House unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately and without debate.

9. The order of doing business in the Convention, after its organization, shall be as follows:

(1.) The appointment of the Committees of the Convention, and of Special Committees.

(2.) The Annual Address of the Bishop.

(3.) Reports from the Committees of the Diocese.

(4.) Reports from the Treasurers.

(5.) Reports from Committees appointed at the last Convention.

(6.) Election by ballot of Treasurers, Standing Committee, Deputies to the General Convention, and Trustees of the University.

B

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Tennessee beg leave to report to the Convention, that immediately after their appointment, May 27th, 1858, the Committee was organized by the choice of Rev. David Pise, D. D., as President, he being requested to act also as Secretary.

June 5th, 1858.—Consent of the Committee was given to the consecration of the Rev. Sullivan H. Weston to the Episcopate of Texas.

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July 9th.—Consent of the Committee was given to the consecration of the Rev. Samuel Bowman to the office of Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Aug. 16th.—The Rev. M. S. Royce was appointed Agent "to solicit donations of land, moneys, or other property, for the support of the Episcopate," under Resolution of the last Convention.

Sept. 15th.—Mr. James J. Vaulx was recommended as a candidate for Holy Orders.

Nov. 12th.—Mr. William Adams was recommended as a candidate for Holy Orders.

May 17th, 1859.—Correspondence relating to Messrs. Shepherd and James being laid before the Standing Committee by the Bishop, was referred to Messrs. Fogg and Craighead to report upon at a subsequent meeting.

The death of Dr. John Shelby, for many years a member of this body, having been announced to the Committee, the following Resolutions were reported and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased God to remove from this life the late Dr. John Shelby, who was for twenty years an active and useful member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Tennessee, and one of the earliest and warmest friends of the Catholic Church west of the Alleghany Mountains;

And whereas, in the death of Dr. Shelby the Church has lost an able and willing supporter, his family an affectionate and protecting head, and society one of its most useful members; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Standing Committee of this Diocese deplore the death of our brother, and sincerely sympathize with his family in their affliction, and with the Church and Society in their loss.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be entered on the Records of the Committee, and a copy be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Rev. George C. Harris, Deacon, laid before the Committee canonical evidence that he had sustained satisfactorily the examination required by Canon v., § 3, of 1856, preparatory to becoming a candidate for Priest's Orders. Aforesaid examination took place in November, 1858.

June 25th.—William C. Gray was recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's Orders.

DAVID PISE, President and Secretary.

KNOXVILLE, June 29th, 1859.

REPORTS OF THE TREASURERS OF THE DIOCESE.

Fund for the Support of the Episcopate in account with W. B. RICHMOND.

1859.		DR.
April 27.	This amount paid Bishop Otey by A. O. Harris, Esq., Treasurer, and to Credit of Calvary Church	$ 650 00
	Balance	2319 45
		$2969 45

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1858.		Cr.
July 28.	Wm. Little	$ 5 00
Oct. 4.	Ripley Congregation	94 00
	Christ Church, Nashville	350 00
	Church of the Advent, Nashville	250 00
	Holy Trinity, Nashville	10 00
	Calvary Church, Memphis	450 00
	" " " This amount received by Bishop Otey from A. O. Harris	650 00
	Grace Church, Memphis	125 00
	St. Mary's, Memphis	150 00
	St. Peter's, Columbia	92 50
	St. John's, Ashwood	50 00
	Trinity, Clarksville	112 00
	Immanuel, Lagrange	44 00
	St. Luke's, Jackson	150 00
	St. John's, Knoxville	100 00
	St. James', Bolivar	60 00
	Trinity, Tipton County	75 00
	Ravenscroft	50 00
	" Arrearages	50 00
	St. James', Greenville	15 00
	St. Paul's, Franklin	26 25
	Zion, Brownsville	10 00
	St. Paul's, Chattanooga	15 70
	St. Thomas', Somerville	25 00
	" " Arrearages	10 00
		$2969 45
	Balance	$2319 45

W. B. Richmond, *Treasurer.*

Knoxville, July 1st, 1859.

Contingent Fund in account with W. B. Richmond, *Treasurer.*

1858.			Dr.
July 10.	To Bulletin Co.'s Bill	$ 4 00	
16.	Book for accounts	2 75	
Oct. 23.	Rev. Mr. Pise's draft for printing Journal of Convention	151 30	
	Envelopes and stamps	4 50	
			162 55
	Balance		82 50
			$245 05

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1858.	Cr.
By Ripley Congregation	$ 6 00
A. O. Harris, Esq	23 35
Christ Church, Nashville	21 00
Church of the Advent, Nashville	15 00
Holy Trinity, Nashville	0 60
Calvary, Memphis	27 00
" " Arrearages	87 50
Grace Church, Memphis	7 50
St. Mary's, Memphis	9 00
St. Peter's, Columbia	2 50
St. John's, Ashwood	3 00
St. Luke's, Jackson	9 00
St. John's, Knoxville	6 00
St. James', Bolivar	3 60
Trinity, Tipton County	4 50
Ravenscroft	3 00
St. James', Greenville	1 00
St. Paul's, Franklin	1 60
Zion, Brownsville	0 60
St. Paul's, Chattanooga	1 80
St. Thomas', Somerville	1 50
" " Arrearages	10 00
	$245 05
Balance	$82 50

W. B. Richmond, *Treasurer.*

Knoxville, Tenn., July 1st, 1859.

Arrearages for Support of Episcopate.

Holy Trinity, Nashville	$ 90 00
St. Peter's, Columbia	33 78
St. John's, Ashwood	200 00
Trinity, Clarksville	113 00
Immanuel, LaGrange	46 00
St. James', Greenville	45 00
St. Paul's, Franklin	8 75
Zion, Brownsville	167 50
St Mark's, Williamsport	80 00
St. Paul's, Chattanooga	14 30
St. Paul's, Randolph	20 00
Total arrearages	$878 33

W. B. Richmond, *Treasurer.*

Knoxville, Tenn., July 1st, 1859.

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Arrearages to Contingent Fund.

St. Peter's, Columbia	$ 11 50
St. John's, Ashwood	50 00
Trinity, Clarksville	12 00
Immanuel, LaGrange	5 50
St. James', Greenville	5 80
St. Paul's, Franklin	0 50
Zion, Brownsville	16 80
St. Mark's, Williamsport	8 70
Total arrearages	$110 80

W. B. RICHMOND, *Treasurer.*

KNOXVILLE, TENN., July 1st, 1859,

D

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Tennessee:—

The Treasurer of the Episcopate and Pension Funds begs leave to present the following Report:

JOHN BAIRD, TREASURER,

In account with EPISCOPATE FUND.

1859.				
April 26.	To cash from	Church of the Advent	$ 19 45	
"	"	St. Peter's Church	5 00	
June 27.	"	M. Watson, Treasurer	189 48	
"	"	F. B. Fogg	35 00	
		Amount in hands of Treasurer		$ 248 93
		The former Treasurer, Mr. Watson, has also transferred to the Convention for the benefit of this fund six shares of Planters' Bank stock and four shares of Union Bank stock, which at their par value amount to		1000 00
		Making the whole amount of this fund		$1248 93

JOHN BAIRD, TREASURER,

In account with PENSION FUND.

1859.			
Jan. 6.	To cash from	Church of the Advent	$ 32 05
"	"	St. Peter's Church	5 00
"	"	Grace Church	1 00

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1859.			
Jan.	4.	To cash from Grace Church	19 80
"	"	Calvary Church	25 85
June	27.	" F. B. Fogg	30 00
		Amount in hands of Treasurer	$113 70

I beg leave also to append hereto, and present as part of this report, the account of M. Watson, Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

JUNE 29, 1859. JOHN BAIRD, *Treasurer.*

As "Treasurer of the University of the South for the Diocese of Tennessee," I report that as yet no funds for this institution have been placed in my hands.

JOHN BAIRD, *Treasurer.*

E

M. WATSON, TREASURER,

In account with PENSION FUND.

			Dr.
1854.			
July	7.	To balance on hand as reported	$ 121 88
		" in Bank stock	500 00
			$621 88
1855.			
June	29.	Received from Rev. Mr. Humes, Knoxville	12 40
Aug.	20.	" " Church, Clarksville, per hands of Rev. Mr. Tomes	22 00
"	"	" Calvary Church, Memphis	17 50
"	"	for dividend on bank stock	62 00
1856.			
Jan.	1.	" from Church, Jackson, per Mr. Talbot	15 20
"	"	" Church, Memphis, per Mr. Jett	20 00
July	19.	" for dividend on bank stock	70 00
Dec.	31.	" from St. Peter's Church, Columbia, per Rev. Mr. Tomes	5 00
"	"	" St. James' Church, Greenville, per Rev. Mr. Tomes	2 50

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1857.			
Jan.	1.	Received from Church, Jackson, per Mr. Talbot	15 40
"	"	" F. B. Fogg, Esq., in bank stock	100 00
"	20.	" for dividend on bank stock	42 00
July	20.	" " " "	48 00
1858.			
April	30.	" from Grace Church, Memphis, for the Episcopate	17 25
"	"	" St. Mary's, "	18 35
July.		" for dividend on bank stock	65 00
1859.			
Jan.		" for dividend on bank stock	35 00
			$1189 48

			Cr.
1859.			
June	25.	By this amount paid the Treasurer of Episcopate Fund	$ 189 48
		By ten shares in the capital stock of the Planters' and Union Banks, transferred to the same, par value	1000 00
			$1189 48

M. Watson, *Treasurer.*

Nashville, June 25, 1859.

F

CHURCH BOOK SOCIETY,

In account with W. B. Richmond, Treasurer.

			Dr.
1858.			
Aug.	19.	To one check favor of Rev. Mr. Schetky	$156 65
	24.	" " " "	18 52
1859.			
Mar.	26.	" " " "	50 00
April	4.	To two checks " " ($215 30; $30 34,)	245 64
June	21.	To one check " " "	20 00
	23.	" " " "	234 55
		Balance	10 00
			$735 36

			Cr.
1858.			
May	31.	By amount per Rev. Mr. Schetky	$ 18 20
June	22.	" " "	3 00
Aug.	17.	By cash per Geo. N. James	1 00
	18.	" Rev. Mr. Schetky	155 80

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1859.			
Mar. 10.	By cash per Rev. Mr. Schetky, ($1 20; $6 86,)		8 06
15.	" " "		5 00
18.	" " "	($20 55; $17 50; $1 40,)	39 45
April 2.	" " "		25 00
4.	" " "		215 30
June 21.	" " "		20 00
23.	" " "		234 55
23.	" " "		10 00
			$735 36

1859.
June 24. By balance.....$ 10 00

MEMPHIS, June 24, 1859.

G

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY,

In account with J. F. JETT, Treasurer.

1858.						CR.
May 25.	By balance in hand as per account rendered					$613 52
Aug.	Cash received of the Rev. Mr. Schetky collected at La-Grange at Convention, per report in Journal					253 25
	Cash of George N. James, annual subscription					2 00
Oct.	"	Dr. S. Oldham	"	"	$2 00	
	"	Mrs. Dr. Oldham	"	"	2 00	
	"	A. S. Oldham	"	"	2 00	
	"	Dr. R. H. Oldham	"	"	2 00	
1859.						8 00
Feb. 5.	"	Gen. Gains, of Arkansas, though Bishop Otey				5 00
	"	Mrs. Sallie M. Reid, of McMinnville				2 00
Mar. 8.	"	Rev. John A. Merrick, Paris, Ky., by the hands of Rev. Mr. Schetky				1 00
	"	Rev. Dr. Cressey on account his note				50 00
						$934 77

1858.		DR.
	To cash paid Rev. George C. Harris, of Nashville, at different times by Rev. Bishop Otey	$183 00
1859.		
Feb.	To cash deposited with W. B. Richmond to pay the following appropriations by Committee, to be paid quarterly, viz.: Rev. Geo. C. Harris, of	

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Nashville, $117; Rev. James W. Rogers, of Somerville, $100; Rev. Thomas A. Morris, of Winchester, $200; Rev. Henry T. Lee, of Columbia, $150	567 00	
		750 00
January 29, 1859, Balance in Treasury		$184 77

The Treasurer would submit the above account as the condition of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Tennessee.

J. F. JETT, *Treasurer.*

H

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIETY FOR INCREASE OF MINISTRY.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address on the importance of assisting young men in their efforts to obtain a thorough Theological training, beg leave to report:

That the subject is one that commends itself to the most prayerful consideration of the members of this Convention. It seems impossible for us in our own Diocese to project and carry forward any efficient organization, or to secure, by individual contributions, funds at all adequate to our necessities. The Committee, therefore, commend most cordially the Society for the Increase of the Ministry, of which the Right Rev. Bishop of Tennessee is a patron, to the support of the several parishes in the Diocese, as the most feasible way of securing the important end in view. The Society for the Increase of the Ministry is in no degree sectional; it embraces the whole Church in the United States, from Maine to California, and from Florida to Oregon.

The Committee recommend that an annual sermon be preached on the duty of young men to give themselves to the work of the ministry, and that a collection be made in the several parishes; and that such other means be adopted for securing contributions as may be deemed advisable by the Clergy, and that when assistance shall be needed a request for such aid shall be presented to the Society, through the Bishop of the Diocese.

C. T. QUINTARD,
G. P. SCHETKY,
T. B. LAWSON.

I

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOOK SOCIETY.

JULY 2d, 1859.

Pursuant to notice, the general meeting of the Church Book Society of the Diocese of Tennessee assembled in St. John's Church, Knoxville, after morning service. The Rev. David Pise, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church,

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Columbia, was called to the chair; and the Rev. George C. Harris, Minister of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville, was appointed Secretary.

The Rev. George P. Schetky, B. D., Secretary and Agent, made a verbal report, embracing the following statements:

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Church Book Society beg leave to report account of sales and expenses for the past year, and the present condition of the Society:

Amount of sales from June 14, 1858, to June 22, 1859		$706 36
Accounts unpaid on sales		92 45
		$798 81
Less sales by Messrs. Lamb and Young, reported at last Convention,		58 19
		$740 62
Amount of expenses to June 22.—Bills paid:		
Daniel Dana, Jr., New York	$246 14	
General P. E. S. S. Union and Church Book Society, New York; viz., By cash, $371 11; Books returned, $140 33; Grant of books, $25 00	$536 44	
Dalton, Kirk & Williams	6 50	
Secretary's bill for books supplied	5 85	
Freights	58 51	
Postage	5 75	
Drayage, porterage, premium on drafts, etc.	10 90	
Account-books and stationery	1 60	
		$871 69
Receipts from June 14, 1858, to June 22, 1859:		
From cash sales	$706 36	
From grant of books by General P. E. S. S. Union, etc.	25 00	
From return of books to " "	140 33	
		$871 69
Present condition of the Diocesan and Church Book Society:		
ASSETS. — Stock on hand	$164 55	
Accounts unpaid on sales	92 45	
		$257 00
LIABILITIES.—Due Daniel Dana, Jr.	$52 81	
" General P. E. S. S. Union and Church Book Society	17 34	
" Balance, credit of purchasers	6 59	
" Prayer-Book Society	59 75	
		$136 49
Net amount of assets		$120 51

GEORGE P. SCHETKY,
Secretary and Agent.

MEMPHIS, June 22, 1859.

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After an address, the Rev. Mr. Schetky tendered his resignation of the office of Secretary and Agent. Addresses were also made by the Rev. Messrs. Quintard, Harrison, Hines, and Lawson.

A motion to remove the depository to Nashville was amended by a motion to establish depositories in Memphis, Nashville, and Knoxville, which was carried; and on motion of the Rev. George P. Schetky, the Rev. Richard Hines was elected Secretary, and W. R. Strange, Esq., Agent, for the Western District; the Rev. T. W. Humes, of Knoxville, to the same offices for the Eastern District; and the Rev. George C. Harris, of Nashville, to the same for the Middle District.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That after the liquidation of the liabilities of the Society the assets be equally divided among the three depositories.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Schetky be requested to deliver at the next Annual Convention an address or sermon, showing the necessity and setting forth the advantages of such an association as the Church Book Society.

The following subscriptions were received by the Secretary:

Rev. J. J. Ridley	$1 00
Rev. T. B. Lawson	1 00
George W. Quintard	1 00
Mrs. G. P. Schetky	1 00
Caroline E. Schetky	1 00
Rev. G. P. Schetky	1 00
E. P. McNeil	1 00
Mrs. E. P. McNeil	1 00
Mrs. Robertson	1 00
Rev. L. L. Smith	1 00
John Roberts	1 00
Rev. R. Hines	1 00
Rev. J. W. Rogers	1 00
Rev. J. A. Harrison	1 00
Rev. J. T. Pickett	1 00
A Friend	2 00
A Friend	1 00
J. F. Jett	2 00
Rev. G. C. Harris	1 00
Rev. David Pise, D. D.	1 00
Mrs. S. E. Cotton	1 00

There being no other business, the Society adjourned *sine die*.

GEORGE C. HARRIS, *Secretary*.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church respectfully report:

That from the Bishop's Address, and the Parochial Reports, they find that during the past Conventional year there have been, as reported from the parishes, 216 confirmations, to which must be added from the Bishop's Address 19 more, making the total number of confirmations 235, being an increase of 103 over the number reported last year. The whole number of baptisms reported by 16 parishes is 484. The number of communicants added anew 260, making the whole number reported 1252. There are 12 parishes in which there are Sunday-schools, reporting 125 teachers, and 725 catechumens; not as many teachers by 21, nor as many catechumens by 70, as reported last year. There have been 76 marriages and 137 funerals reported. Contributions are reported to the amount of $25,421 94; of which $5854 25 are communion alms, $3776 75 weekly offertory, and $15,790 95 other contributions. Fourteen Rectors report the amount of salary each is entitled to receive, amounting in the aggregate to $18,850. Two Rectors report arrears of salary amounting to $1013 64. Four report indebtedness of parishes amounting to $8448 89. There are 6 candidates for Holy Orders belonging to the Diocese. Four Clergymen have been transferred to other Dioceses, and 7 have been received by letters dimissory into this. One person has been ordained to the Diaconate. The corner-stone of 1 church has been laid, and the house will soon be ready for consecration. There are no reports from St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, Immanuel Church, LaGrange, St. Paul's, Randolph, St. Paul's, Chattanooga, and St. James', Greenville.

The Committee beg leave to express the opinion, that it would be satisfactory if Parochial Reports would show the number of colored baptisms and confirmations, that it may be seen what is done by the Church for the spiritual welfare of that race. It is much to be feared that, considering our opportunities, much less is done for them than might be expected from the zeal of the members of the Church.

They trust that the members of the Convention will, in their several spheres, urge forward the Christian instruction of the colored class, so entirely committed by Providence to the superintending care of the educated members of the Church, and so dependent upon their benevolence and Christian love.

In conclusion, the Committee beg leave to express their deep sense of gratitude to God for the numerous blessings vouchsafed to the Church in this Diocese during the past year, and for its present peace and prosperity.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

J. T. Pickett, *Chairman.*

L

At a meeting of the Diocesan Missionary and Education Society held in St. John's Church, Knoxville, July 2, 1859, the Right Rev. James H. Otey, D. D.,

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LL.D., in the chair; the Rev. T. W. Humes, on motion, was elected Vice-President, and J. F. Jett, Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Report of the Treasurer, of the action of the Committee, and the condition of the Society, having been presented to and ordered be printed in the Journals of the Convention then being held in St. John's Church, Knoxville, no report was asked by the meeting.

Report to the Convention showed balance in Treasurer's hands on the 29th June unappropriated to be $184 77.

The receipts during the Convention, embracing annual subscriptions and donations, contributions from churches and collections in St. John's Church, Knoxville, are as follows:

Mr. James, of Franklin, by the hands of Bishop Otey	$ 2 00
D. J. Wells, Bolivar, (donation $1)	3 00
Mrs. D. J. Wells, "	2 00
James Caruthers, Jackson	4 00
Dr. James Wormack, Denmark	2 00
Rev. J. J. Ridley, D. D., Clarksville	2 00
Mrs. E. S. Ridley, "	2 00
James B. Craighead, Nashville	2 00
Mrs. J. B. Craighead, "	2 00
Edward Sanford, Knoxville	2 00
Rev. George C. Harris, Nashville	2 00
Francis B. Fogg, " (donation $4)	6 00
Mrs. F. B. Fogg, "	2 00
Henry Fogg, "	2 00
S. W. Malone, Trinity, Tipton, (donation)	2 50
Mr. Graves, Knoxville, "	1 00
Mr. Gregory, " "	1 00
Rev. T. W. Humes, Knoxville, (annual subscription.)	2 00
Mrs. T. W. Humes, " "	2 00
Master Andrew Humes, " "	1 00
Miss M. L. Humes, " "	2 00
Right Rev. Bishop Otey, Memphis, "	2 00
Rev. C. T. Quintard, Nashville, "	2 00
Mrs. C. T. Quintard, " "	2 00
Clara C. Quintard, " "	1 00
George W. Quintard, " "	1 00
Rev. T. Lawson, Tipton county, "	2 00
Rev. G. P. Schetky, Memphis, "	2 00
Mrs. G. P. Schetky, " "	2 00
Caroline E. Schetky, " "	2 00
Rev. Richard Hines, " "	2 00
Mrs. Sallie Cotton, LaGrange, "	2 00
Mrs. Mary F. Wright, " "	2 00
Mrs. Alice Houston, " "	2 00
Miss Mary Tate Perkins, Bolivar, "	2 00

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Rev. J. Thomas Pickett, Bolivar (annual subscription.)	$2 00
Mrs. E. P. McNeal, " "	2 00
Rev. James W. Rogers, Somerville, "	2 00
Mrs. Robertson, Nashville, "	2 00
Rev. John H. Harrison, Jackson, "	2 00
J. F. Jett, Sharon, "	2 00
Mrs. Sarah J. Whitley, Sharon, "	2 00
J. Roberts, Knoxville, "	2 00
L. C. Shepherd, " (donation,)	1 00
Miss C. Keith, " "	5 00
Mrs. Rowland, " "	5 00
Mrs. M. W. Crozier, Knoxville, (donation $1.)	3 00
Etheldred W. Crozier, "	2 00
Mrs. Swan, (donation)	2 00
Miss C. White	2 00
Miss Mary L. White, (donation)	1 00
Miss Mary W. White, "	1 00
Miss N. N. Scott, "	2 00
Wednesday, Collection at Communion in St. John's Church, Knoxville	14 05
Sunday, Collection at Communion in St. John's Church, Knoxville	40 55
Found by Sexton St. John's Church, Knoxville	5 00
Received by the hands of Rev. L. L. Smith, of Christ Church, Nashville	25 00
Received by the hands of Rev. Dr. Pise, of St. Peter's Church, Columbia	10 00
Received by the hands of Rev. Mr. Harrison, of St. Luke's Church, Jackson	75 50
Received by same, contribution of St. Luke's Church, Jackson	5 00
Mrs. Lucy Williams, Clarksville	2 00
Mrs. D. W. Williams, "	2 00
Miss M. Ward, "	2 00
Miss Jane D. Ward, "	2 00
	$295 60

J. F. Jett,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Knoxville, July 3, 1859.

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PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

REV. L. L. SMITH, *Rector.*

Baptisms: Adults 6, Children 19. Total			25
Confirmed			20
Communicants: Added anew	20		
Removed into the Parish	16		
" from it	2		
Died	2—Present number		100
Marriages			6
Burials			6
Public Services: Twice every Sabbath, daily during Lent, and on all the greater Festivals and Fasts.			
Bible Classes: One for the children of the Congregation			
Sunday-school: Teachers 7, scholars			60
Collections: Communion alms, to the present time	$ 255 60		
Sunday-school	37 00		
Weekly Offertory	1629 65		
		$1922	25
Appropriations: Support of Episcopate	350 00		
Contingent Fund	21 00		
Domestic Missions	33 00		
Diocesan Missions	25 00		
Poor	89 50		
Expenses of church	465 69		
Church debt	814 53		
Sabbath-school, books, etc	71 38		
Towards furnishing chancel of St. Stephen's church, Edgefield	25 00		
On hand	27 15		
		$1922	25
Salary of the Rector		$2000	00
" " (Special contribution)		500	00

[This sum was generously presented to me as an addition to my salary by a few members of the congregation, for which I take this method of returning them my sincere thanks.]

Arrears in salary	None.
	$4422 25
Indebtedness of the Parish	1124 75

Treasurer, GODFREY M. FOGG.

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This Parish has sustained a great loss in the death of Dr. John Shelby, one of its oldest and most efficient members. He was a Vestryman and Warden of the Church, with hardly an intermission, for nearly thirty years; and was one of the most liberal contributors towards its support, and also towards the erection of the church-building in which we now worship. The beautiful and valuable lot in Edgefield, on which will soon be erected St. Stephen's church, was also presented by him. For many years, too, he was a member of the Standing Committee. He was buried from Christ Church, on the 16th of May, having reached the advanced age of seventy-four.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, NASHVILLE.

REV. CHARLES T. QUINTARD, M. D., *Rector.*

Baptisms: Adults 13, Infants 46. Total			59
Confirmed			40
Communicants: Added anew	75		
Removed into the Parish	20		
" from the Parish	12		
Repelled	0		
Died	3—Present number		186
Marriages			3
Burials			10
Children Catechized: First Sunday in each month			
Sunday-school: Teachers, Male 9, Female 11. Total			20
Pupils, Male 40, Female 70. Total			110
Collections: Communion Alms, Weekly Offertory			$3638 08
Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate		$ 250 00	
Contingent Fund of Convention		15 00	
Pension Fund (Christmas Collection)		32 05	
Episcopate Fund (Easter Collection)		19 45	
Dioc. Miss. and Education		139 96	
Society for Increase of Ministry		55 00	
Church of the Holy Trinity for bell		189 00	
Church Home		62 35	
Sunday-school Books		26 26	
Rector and Expenses of Parish		3284 51	
		$4018 58	
Amount of indebtedness of the Parish		435 50	
			$3638 08
Amount of salary Clergyman is entitled to receive			2000 00
Arrears of salary, if any			0 00

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, THOMAS B. EASTLAND, JR.

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It will be seen that the offertory has been abundantly sufficient for the ordinary expenses of the Parish. The reported indebtedness has been created by extraordinary outlays—the Vestry having, during the past year, purchased a fine Harmonium for the choir, besides spending several hundred dollars in fitting up and decorating a hall for a temporary church.

The Vestry have been so far successful in obtaining subscriptions towards building their new church, as to enable them to purchase a large and conveniently situated lot, sufficient in size for a church edifice and a rectory. They have procured plans for the building, and hope to have the corner-stone laid within a month of the meeting of this Convention.

The Rector, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Harris, has held regular weekly services in Edgefield, where a Parish has been organized under the name of St. Stephen's. There being as yet no suitable place for worship, the congregations have been assembled in private houses; but a lot having been provided, through the munificence of the late Dr. Shelby, and about $2000 subscribed to build a church, we haye confident hope that by the next Convention this congregation may be enabled to worship in a consecrated building of their own.

Services have been held on Sunday afternoon at the State Prison as often as circumstances would allow, and there has been one baptism among the convicts.

In accordance with the recommendation of the last Convention, the Rector has made visits to Lebanon and Shelbyville; at both places the congregations have been large and attentive. *One* adult from Lebanon has been received into the Church by baptism, and *three* persons have been confirmed. Services have also been held at the Hermitage, Washington College, Minerva College, and at the Nashville University.

The following is a brief summary of the work done in these two parishes:

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT AND THE HOLY TRINITY.

1857–8.

Baptisms: Adults 12, Infants 46. Total	58
Confirmed	16
Communicants	128
Sunday-school pupils	145
Collections	$2132 16

1858–9.

Baptisms: Adults 28, Infants 95. Total	123
Confirmed	68
Communicants	247
Sunday-school pupils	232
Collections	$4066 25

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, NASHVILLE.

REV. GEORGE C. HARRIS, *Deacon, Minister.*

Baptisms: Adults 15, Infants 49			64
Confirmed			28
Communicants: Added anew	38		
Removed into the parish	32		
" from "	7		
Died	2—Present number		61
Burials			12
Public Services: On Sundays 100, other days 12. Total			112
Children Catechized			Occasionally.
Sunday-school: Teachers, Male 5, Female 11. Total			16
Pupils, Male 62, Female 60. Total			122

Collections: Weekly Offertory	$283 20	
Special Offerings	290 00	
		$473 20

A Bell worth one hundred and eighty-nine dollars.
An Episcopal Chair worth forty dollars.

Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate	$ 10 00	
Contingent Fund of Convention	00 60	
Sunday-school Books, etc	56 00	
Benches	100 00	
New Windows	47 00	
Expenses and Charities	145 70	
		$359 30
		$113 90

Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive $600 00
Arrears ..... None.
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, THOMAS O. TREANOR.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE.

REV. JOS. JAS. RIDLEY, D. D., *Rector.*

Total number of individuals about		250
Baptisms: Adults 1, Infants 9. Total		10
Confirmed		19
Communicants; Added anew	19	
Removed into the Parish	11	
" from "	8	
Died	5—Present number	141

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Marriages 6
Burials 9
Public Services: On Sundays about 120, on other days about 86. Total about 206
Children Catechized: Every Sunday 52
Sunday-school: Teachers, Male 5, Female 3. Total 8
Pupils 55

Collections: Communion Alms	$106 75		
Other times	317 75		
		$424 50	
Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate, Assessment, and Travelling Expenses	$145 00		
Contingent Fund of Convention	12 00		
Dom. and For. Miss. Soc. ..... Dom.	$55 50		
" " ..... For.	50 00		
	$105 50		
Other purposes	162 00		
		$424 50	

Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive ..... $1000 & Parsonage.
Arrears of Salary, if any 0
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, W. B. Settle, Esq.

Mr. W. Crano Gray, a candidate for orders in this parish, was ordained in Nashville on the 26th inst.; Mr. W. F. Adams, a candidate, is prosecuting his studies here, and will probably be ordained during the year; Mr. Charles James Mulcahy is also pursuing his studies with the Rector of this parish with a view to the sacred ministry. The condition of the Church is about as at last report.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN.

M. S. Royce, *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 14, (Adults 34, Children 29.) Total number of individuals 63
Baptisms: Adults 0, Infants 2. Total 2

Communicants: Added anew	2	
Removed into the Parish	1	
" from "	7	
Repelled	2	
Died	2—Present number...	20

Burials 4
Public Services: On Sundays regularly; on other days, Greater Feasts and Fasts, and twice a week in Lent.

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Children Catechized: number of times.....Frequently.
Sunday-school: Teachers, Male 2, Female 4. Total..... 6
Pupils, Male 19, Female 26. Total..... 45
Collections: Balance on hand.....$ 34 05
Weekly Offertory..... 460 55

$494 60

Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate, and Contingent Fund of Convention.....$ 27 85
Repairs of Church..... 111 55
Sexton and Expenses..... 28 95
Expenses of School..... 306 45
Other purposes.—Rector's Salary..... 19 80

$494 60

Amount of indebtedness of the Parish.....Nothing.
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, M. S. Royce.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

Rev. David Pise, D. D., *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 36, (Adults 120, Children 70.) Total number of individuals..... 190
Baptisms: Infants 12. Total..... 12
Confirmed..... 12
Communicants: Added anew..... 9
Removed into the Parish..... 16
" from " 12
Repelled..... 1
Died..... 1—Present number... 76
Marriages..... 8
Burials..... 7
Public Services: On Sundays 97, on other days 50. Total..... 147
Children Catechized.....Monthly.
Sunday-school: Teachers, Male 1, Female 5. Total..... 6
Pupils. Total..... 36
Collections: Communion Alms.....$ 87 95
Weekly Offertory..... 195 13

$283 08

Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate..... $85 07
Contingent Fund of Convention..... 9 42
Pension Fund, (Christmas Collection.)..... 5 00
Episcopate Fund, (Easter Collection.)..... 5 00

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On page 59, 4th line from top, strike out from the words "There have been raised," &c., to the Total, "$152.14," and insert as follows:

There have been raised in the Parish for other purposes, chiefly parochial, about $1300.00

Total, ... $1439.14

Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive..... 1000 00
Arrears of Salary 0
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, JOHN BAIRD, Esq.

The Rector of St. Peter's Church has complied with the resolutions passed at the last Convention, by officiating at Lawrenceburg, Lawrence county, where he has baptized two children and buried one person, a communicant of our Church. He has also officiated a number of times at Pulaski, Giles county, where there was once an organized parish, under the name of St. Stephen's Church, and where there are ten communicants. The prospects of reviving the Church at this place are truly encouraging.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ASHWOOD.

REV. JAMES S. HILDEBRAND, *Rector.*

Baptisms: Adults 1, Infants 18. Total..... 19
Confirmed..... 1
Communicants: Added anew..... 1—Present number... 13
Marriages..... 2
Burials..... 7
Public Services: On Sundays , on other days . Total..... 98
Children Catechized: number of times.....Frequently.
Sunday-school: Teachers, Male , Female . Total..... 2
Pupils, Male , Female . Total..... 15
Bible Class: Members..... 4
Collections: Communion Alms and Weekly Offertory.....$42 60
Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate ..... } The assessment for
Contingent Fund of Convention..... } the year paid.
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive..... $1000 00
Arrears of Salary 125 00
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, J. S. HILDEBRAND.

It has pleased the Lord to visit the few families of which this congregation is composed with a series of afflictions within the past year. It may almost be said of them, as of the Egyptians of old, that "there is not a house where there is not one dead." All this has seemed to be against us, but being the

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Lord's doing, we know it must be for us. If then, for the present, the attendance on the Ordinances, the Sunday-school, and Bible Class is not as promising as it was, yet let us not "despise the day of small things." Let us hope, expect, and pray that the loving chastisements of the Lord will cause the love of Him and of His Gospel to abound more in the hearts of this pastor and this people; and that it will be found that these dark dispensations have been sent amongst us "to make ready" here "a people prepared for the Lord."

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSPORT.

REV. HENRY T. LEE, *Missionary.*

No Report.

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

RT. REV. JAMES H. OTEY, D. D., LL.D., *Rector.*

REV. GEORGE WHITE, D. D., *Assistant.*

Baptisms: Adults 3, Infants 40. Total			43
Confirmed			13
Communicants: Added anew	16		
Removed into the Parish	32		
Repelled	1		
Died	2–Present num. about		160
Marriages			17
Burials			23

Public Services: The church has been opened for service twice every Sunday and on most of the Holy days. During Lent it was opened twice a day. At present services are held twice every Wednesday and Friday.

Children Catechized: number of times		2
Sunday-school: Teachers, Male 4, Female 10. Total		14
Pupils	between 80 and 90	
Collections: Communion Alms	$245 81	
Weekly Offertory	666 91	
		$912 72
Appropriations: Support of the Episcopate	$ 450 00	
Contingent Fund of Convention	27 00	
Pension Fund (Christmas Collection)	25 85	
Episcopate Fund (Easter Collection)	52 60	
African Mission	37 25	
		$592 70

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In addition to the above, the Parish has contributed the following sums, viz.:

For the Orphan Asylum	$ 134 25	
Sufferers on Steamboat	38 70	
Convocation	153 47	
Sunday-school	99 90	
Expenses of Sunday-school celebration	25 00	
		$451 32

Total amount of appropriations.....$1956 74

In addition to the foregoing, there has been paid to the Diocese $650, and to the Contingent Fund $87 50, being the total arrearages of Calvary Church as reported to the last Convention.

Amount of indebtedness of the Parish about.....$6000 00
Assets on hand about..... 3500 00
Amount of Salary Clergymen entitled to receive..... 2500 00
Arrears of Salary.....

GRACE CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

REV. GEORGE P. SCHETKY, B. D., *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 82, (Adults 227, Children 176.) Total number of individuals..... 403
Baptisms: Adults 8, Infants 30. Total..... 38
Confirmed..... 22
Communicants: Number last reported..... 84
Added by Confirmation..... 22
" by readiness and desire for confirmation 3
" in extremis..... 2
" by removal..... 38
——65
Removed..... 26
Died..... 2
Present number..... 121
Marriages..... 8
Burials: Adults 14, Children 1, Infants 5. Total..... 20
Public Services: on Sundays 127, on other days 259. Total..... 386
Public Catechizing, "openly in the Church," besides instruction every Sunday before morning prayer, number of times 17
Sunday-school: Teachers, Male 11, Female 12, a Superintendent, a Librarian, and Assistant Librarian. Total..... 26
Pupils, Male 58, Female 70. Total..... 128
Bible Class: The classes for Confirmation have attended the class.

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Contributions:	Communion Alms	$ 313 28	
	Weekly Offertory	422 26	
	Subscriptions to the Rector's support	2250 00	
	Of the Sunday-school up to January	78 93	
	Ladies' Sewing Society	120 75	
	" Festival and Fair	686 25	
	To Church Furniture	225 00	
			$4096 47

All the above amounts were presented at the "Offertory." The children of the Sunday-school have made other offerings, of which no account can be had until next Epiphany, when their annual celebration takes place. They support a student in the Nashotah Theological School.

Appropriated:	To Support of the Episcopate	$ 125 00	
	Contingent Fund of Convention	7 50	
	Pension Fund	20 80	
	Convocation Fund	20 00	
	Dom. Missions $1 50, Indian Mission $2	3 50	
	African Mission	19 75	
	Nashotah Mission, School support of a Student, etc	84 93	
	Bishop White Prayer Book Society	3 00	
	The Poor	166 23	
	Sufferers on the Pennsylvania	42 05	
	Church Lot Fund	34 95	
	Church Furniture	334 93	
	Sunday-school and Parish Library, etc.	66 60	
	Incidental expenses, Rent of Room	818 78	
	Rector's salary	2250 00	
	Other purposes	98 45	
			$4096 47

The Parish is free of debt. The Rector has a salary of $1500 guaranteed and promptly paid.

Mr. Wm. D. Painter is Treasurer of the Parish.

The Parish continues to increase both in interest and numbers, and, we trust, in spiritual strength. The blessing of the Great Head of the Church has been evidently bestowed in answer to our prayers.

Several candidates for Confirmation are now under course of training and preparation.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

REV. RICHARD HINES, *Rector.*

Baptisms: Adults 1, Infants 16. Total 17

Confirmed 1

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Communicants: Removed into the Parish..... 21
" from " 7
Died ..... 2—Present number... 50
Marriages..... 7
Burials..... 7
Sunday-school: Teachers, Male 4, Female 3. Total..... 7
Pupils, Male , Female . Total..... 40
Collections: Communion Alms.....$132 17
Weekly Offertory..... 298 28
In other ways..... 175 00

$605 45

Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive.....$1500 00
Arrears of Salary.....
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, JOHN P. TREZEVANT.

The financial affairs of this Parish are in a healthy condition, and reflect credit upon those who have the care of that department. My labors have been blessed with little fruit. I hope the past is not a criterion by which to judge the future.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

REV. J. A. HARRISON, *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 41, (Adults 99, Children 75.) Total number of individuals..... 174
Baptisms: Adults, 5, Infants 20. Total..... 25
Confirmed..... 5
Communicants: Added anew..... 3
Removed into the Parish..... 1
" from " 4
Died..... 2—Present number... 60
Marriages..... 5
Burials..... 15
Public Services: On Sundays 98, on other days 52. Total..... 150
Sunday-school: Teachers, Male 2, Female 4. Total..... 6
Pupils, Male 10, Female 15. Total..... 25
Collections: Communion Alms.....$312 70
Other Collections..... 332 75

$645 45

Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate..... $150 00
Contingent Fund of the Convention..... 9 00
Pension Fund..... 5 00
Episcopate Fund..... 5 00

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Appropriated:	Dioc. Miss. and Education Fund	$ 5 00	
	Dom. and For. Miss. Soc.....Dom. $26 00		
	" " .....For. 5 00		
		$ 31 00	
	Convocation Western District	121 10	
	Alms	34 17	
	Nashotah	25 00	
	Student at Nashotah	80 50	
	Rector's Expenses to Convocations	24 60	
	Sunday-school	25 00	
	Parochial purposes	80 08	
	Rector's Expenses to this Convention	50 00	
			$645 45

Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive.....$800 with Parsonage.
Arrears of Salary.....
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, JAMES L. TALBOT.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR.

REV. J. THOMAS PICKETT, *Rector.*

Congregation:	Families 18, (Adults 40, Children 35.) Total number of individuals		75
Baptisms:	Adults 6, Infants 13. Total		19
Confirmed			9
Communicants:	Added anew	6	
	Removed from Parish	3—Present number	30
Marriages			5
Burials			6
Public Services:	On Sundays 103, on other days 114. Total		217
Children Catechized:	number of times. Every Sunday afternoon in S. School.		
Sunday-school:	Teachers, Male 2, Female 7. Total		9
	Pupils, about		25
Collections:	Communion Alms		$221 48
Appropriated:	Support of the Episcopate	$ 60 00	
	Contingent Fund of Convention	3 60	
	Pension Fund (Christmas Collection)	7 50	
	Episcopate Fund (Easter Collection)	25 00	
	Convocation of the Western District	118 05	
	Parochial purposes	7 33	
			$221 48

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Other contributions to the Parish:

Parochial purposes	25 00
For an Organ, gift of two persons	410 00
For Sunday-school Library, etc.	65 00
Mural Tablet to the memory of Dr. Stephens	25 00
	$746 48

Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive $1000 00

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, D. J. Wells.

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE.

Rev. C. F. Collins, *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 10, (Adults 60, Children 20.) Total number of individuals 80

Baptisms: Adults 2, Infants 3. Total 5

Confirmed 2

Communicants: Added anew 4
Removed into the Parish 1
" from " 4
Died ..... 2—Present number... 20

Burials 1

Public Services: On Sundays 90, on other days 60. Total 150

Children Catechized: number of times ..... Every Sunday.

Sunday-school: Teachers, Male 1, Female 1. Total 2
Pupils, Male 2, Female 2. Total 4 4

Collections:	Communion Alms	$45 00	
	Weekly Offertory	50 00	
			$95 00
Appropriated:	Support of the Episcopate	$40 00	
	Contingent Fund of Convention	2 40	
	Dom. and For. Miss. Soc: Dom. $20 00		
	" " For. 5 00		
		$25 00	
	Convocation purposes	32 00	
	Church Expenses	10 00	
			$109 40

Amount of indebtedness of the Parish ..... None.

Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive ..... Indefinite.

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, Joseph Peete.

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ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, SOMERVILLE.

REV. J. W. ROGERS, *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 15
Baptisms: Adults 7, Infants 8. Total 15
Confirmed 22
Communicants: Added anew 17
Removed into the Parish ..... 2—Present number... 34
Sunday-school: Pupils 34
Collections, Alms, etc ..... $ 350 00
Contributions by subscription to build a church 4200 00
Indebtedness of Parish ..... Nothing.
Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive 1500 00
Arrears of Salary ..... None.

The Rector of this Parish also has charge of St. John's Church, Mississippi, at which place he presented to Bishop Green, for confirmation, four of the candidates reported above.

He officiates at Moscow either at night in the week, or on Sunday afternoon after preaching at St. John's, and is happy to report that through the zeal of a few persons a comfortable brick room has been erected in this village as a place of worship. The people of Bolivar kindly presented them with a melodeon, and they have full services. There are on the Tennessee side of the Mississippi line thirty Members of the Church, twelve Communicants, and, at present waiting for the Bishop, four candidates for Confirmation.

Respectfully, J. W. ROGERS.

TRINITY CHURCH, TIPTON COUNTY.

REV. J. A. WHEELOCK, B. D., *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 20, (Adults 200, Children 200.) Total number of individuals 400
Baptisms: Adults 22, Infants 73. Total 95
Confirmed 13
Communicants: Added anew 22
Removed into the Parish 3
" from " 2
Died ..... 1—Present number... 80
Marriages 4
Burials 2
Collections: Communion Alms ..... $ 41 00
Weekly Offertory 1124 00

$1165 00

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Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate	$ 75 00		
Contingent Fund of Convention	5 00		
Other purposes	1085 00		
		$1165 00	
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive		900 00	
Arrears of Salary		None.	

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, J. F. JETT.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LAGRANGE.

REV. WILLIAM FAGG, *Rector.*

Congregation: Families		14
Baptisms: Adults 3, Infants 6. Total		9
Confirmed		10
Communicants: Added anew	8	
Removed from the Parish	5	
Died	3—Present number	30
Marriages		2
Burials		9
Public Services: On Sundays 40, on other days 45. Total		85
Sunday-school: Teachers, Female 6. Total		6
Pupils		30
Collections: Communion Alms		$40 00
Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate	$50 00	
Contingent Fund of Convention	3 00	
Diocesan Mission	10 00	
		$63 00
The ladies of the congregation have made by their Sewing Society		$125 00
A lot has been given by Mr. T. G. Anderson, and Mrs. Sarah E. Cotton has collected for building a Rectory about		567 00
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive from this congregation		350 00

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, JOHN BURTON.

I have charge also of St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, Mississippi, and hold Divine Service in each on alternate Sundays, and on every Friday night in LaGrange.

Report of the Rev. T. B. Lawson, Missionary of the Convocation of the Western District in the Counties of Lauderdale and Tipton, for the year ending June 29th, 1859, viz.:

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	RIPLEY.	COVINGTON.	RANDOLPH.	RAVENSCROFT CHAPEL.	TOTAL.
Families	10	11	5	3	29
Communicants	7	8	10	White 14, Black 15 } 29	54
Baptisms.....Adults 1, Infants 3	4	9	1	16	30
Funerals	1	1	1	1	4
Contributions:					
Domestic Missions.....$	20				$ 20
Support of Clergyman..	150			$ 60	210
Episcopate Fund.....	100			50	150
Contingent Fund.....	6			3	9
Church Building Fund.	1500	$400	$12	60	1972
	$1776	$400	$12	$173	$2361

I have had services once a month at Ripley, Durhamville, Covington, Randolph, and Ravenscroft Chapel. At the first-named place we have organized a Parish to be called Immanuel Church, to which Samuel Oldham, Sen., M. D., has given a beautiful lot of four acres and a liberal subscription. The Vestry are now erecting a neat frame church, thirty feet by sixty. There is a good prospect for the Church. Durhamville is connected with Ripley, being only seven miles distant. Several persons at this point are very desirous for regular services, and will be liberal towards building a church.

At Covington we have put up a neat frame church, twenty-five feet by sixty, which is nearly completed. This Parish is weak, and will be thankful for any assistance rendered to it.

The town at Randolph has gone down, and with it the Parish. The prospect is rather gloomy, and yet it is sad to abandon the few who remain.

At Ravenscroft Mr. J. Alston is building a new church and a rectory. The congregation is chiefly composed of black people, among whom Mr. Gilliam had a large and interesting Sunday-school during the past year.

There are about twenty persons in the above-named places desiring the rite of Confirmation. The results of my labors as a Missionary of the Church have been gratifying, and yet are not as large as I desired. The feeble have been edified, the poor have had the gospel preached unto them, and it is hoped that God will give the increase for the sake of his dear Son.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE.

REV. THOMAS W. HUMES, *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 41, (Adults 82, Children 87.) Total number of individuals..... 169

Baptisms: Adults 0, Infants 8. Total..... 8

Confirmed..... 9

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Communicants:	Added anew	3	
	Removed into the Parish	9	
	" from "	9	
	Repelled and disunited	5—Present number...	67
Marriages			5
Burials			8
Public Services: On Sundays 95, on other days about 52. Total			147
Children Catechized: number of times			9
Sunday-school: Teachers, Male 6, Female 4. Total			10
	Pupils, Male 21, Female 20. Total		41
Bible Class: Members			5

Collections:	Communion Alms	$116 83	
	Occasional	231 31	
			$348 14
Appropriated:	Support of the Episcopate	$100 00	
	Contingent Fund of Convention	6 00	
	Pension Fund	3 50	
	Episcopate Fund	3 50	
	Dioc. Miss. to Rev. Mr. Gierlow (Contribn.)	12 50	
	Dom. and For. Miss. Soc.....Dom	25 00	
	" " " For	45 43	
	Other purposes	152 21	
			$348 14

Amount of indebtedness of the Parish at Easter, 1859	$888 64
Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive	800 00
Arrears of Salary	888 64

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, Wm. P. Barker.

The Sunday-school for colored people, conducted by one of the Wardens assisted by others, is continued and is a means of good to that class of persons. It is still attempted to keep alive an interest for Foreign Missions among the children of the congregation. They have given twenty dollars the past year to educate a child in Africa.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.—*Vacant.*

No Report.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.—*Vacant.*

No Report.

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REPORT OF REV. THOMAS A. MORRIS, WINCHESTER.

Having been here so short a time, and not having a form, it is impossible for me to make out a systematic report. I commenced services here in January last, and found very few acquainted with our Prayer-book or Church.

On the 27th of February, Rev. J. B. T. Smith came and joined me in the work.

Families			12
Baptisms: Adults			1
Confirmations			7
Communicants	1		
Moved to this place	3		
Added anew	7—Total		11
Burials			1
Sunday-school Teachers			8
" Scholars			52
Offertory			$10 05

Not having male communicants, we have not yet organized a Parish, but expect to do so in a few weeks.

REPORT OF OFFICES PERFORMED BY WILLIAM MOWBRAY,

DURING THE YEAR ENDING 29th JUNE, 1859.

Chattanooga, assisted in the service and preached	7	times.
Harrison, read service and preached	2	"
Sail Creek, " "	3	"
Smith's Cross Roads, "	1	"
Jasper, " "	1	"
Sequatchie " "	1	"
At home " "	67	"

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OF TENNESSEE.

THE Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Tennessee, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Religion and Piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and posterity the advantages of the ministry and ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. The Diocese shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Diocese of Tennessee.

ART. 2. The Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America is hereby acceded to and adopted, and its authority fully recognized and acknowledged.

ART. 3. A Convention of the Churches of this Diocese shall be held annually, at such time and place as the last preceding Convention may appoint; and the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, for any good or urgent cause moving thereto, may change the time and place appointed; and, whenever he or they may deem it expedient, may call a Special Convention at such time and place as he or they may think suitable; giving always not less than four weeks' notice previous to the day appointed.

ART. 4. The Convention shall be composed of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, constituting one Deliberative Body. All ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church canonically resident in this Diocese shall be entitled to seats in this Convention. Each Church in union with this Convention may send three delegates, any one of whom may represent it in

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Convention. But no person under Ecclesiastical censure or process shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention.

Art. 5. Five members of the Clerical and five of the Lay Order, from different congregations, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn.

Art. 6. In all matters that shall come before the Convention, the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate in one body, and the concurrence of a majority shall give validity to any measure; but when two members require it, there shall be a vote by Orders.

Art. 7. The Bishop shall be, *ex officio*, President of the Convention. He may make any motion, but shall not enter into debate; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject after it has been discussed, and before any vote thereon. If there be no Bishop present, a President shall be appointed from the Order of the Clergy.

Art. 8. A Secretary shall be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to record the proceedings of the Convention, to notify the Churches generally of the time and place of the meeting of the Convention, to preserve its Journals and Records, to attest the public proceedings of the Body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention which may be in his possession. A Treasurer shall also be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to receive and disburse the funds of the Convention, by the order thereof. He shall render an account of his transactions to each Annual Convention.

Art. 9. A Standing Committee of five persons, three Clergymen and two Laymen, (who shall be communicants,) shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention, with power to fill vacancies in their Body, and generally to perform all other acts which may be required of them by the Canons of the General Convention, or the Convention of this Diocese.

Art. 10. Each congregation shall, on Easter Monday (or as soon thereafter as may be) in each year, elect a Vestry, consisting of not less than five nor more than eleven persons, whose duty it shall be to attend to the temporal concerns of

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the Church. They shall appoint two Wardens out of their own Body, who shall be communicants; a Secretary and Treasurer; also, delegates to the Diocesan Convention; and exercise all other powers vested in them by the usages of the Church; and they shall continue in office until a new Vestry is chosen. In all meetings of the Vestry, the Rector shall preside; or, in his absence, the Senior Warden, or one appointed by the Body.

ART. 11. The election of a Bishop of this Diocese shall be by nomination of a majority of the Clergy in Convention assembled, who shall have been canonically resident in the Diocese for the space of six months immediately preceding; and if such nomination be confirmed by a majority of the Laity in said Convention, the person thus chosen shall be declared duly elected. But no election shall be considered legal, unless a majority of all the congregations shall be present by their delegates, and of all the Clergy entitled to a seat in Convention.

ART. 12. Any proposition for the alteration and amendment of this Constitution must be made in writing, and assented to by a majority of the members in Convention. It shall then lie over for consideration until the next Convention, and shall require for its adoption the suffrages of two-thirds of the members present.

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CANONS.

CANON I.

Of the Admission of New Churches.

WHENEVER any number of persons, not less than ten, shall associate to form an Episcopal Church, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee; they shall assume a suitable name by which their Church or Parish shall be designated, and shall appoint not less than five nor more than eleven Vestrymen. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption, shall then be laid before the Convention for approval, and also a certificate from the Bishop, or, in case of his inability to act, or a vacancy in the Episcopate, from a majority of the Standing Committee, that notice was given him or them, at least three months before the Convention, of the organization having taken place, and of his or their approval of the same. Delegates from the Church or Parish may then take their seats in the Convention, and the Church shall be considered as united to the Convention, and subject to its decisions.

When Articles of Association shall not have been expressly adopted and laid before the Convention, the Form of Articles of Association for Congregations, recommended by the Convention of 1830, shall be the Articles of Association for the Churches to be admitted, and all other Churches in union with the Convention of this Diocese; and such Articles shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Convention.

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CANON II.

Of the Reception of Clergymen into this Diocese.

No Clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any Congregation in this Diocese without producing to the Vestry thereof a certificate from the Bishop, or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, from the Standing Committee, that he has produced to him or them testimonials of his religious and moral conduct, as prescribed by the Canons of the General Convention.

CANON III.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman.

SECTION 1. The trial of a Clergyman in this Diocese shall be on written presentment made to the Bishop, (or, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee,) specifying the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place, and circumstances, and signed by the party making it. And every presentment of a Clergyman shall be either by the Convention of the Diocese, by the Vestry and Church Wardens of the Parish to which such Clergyman may belong, or by one or more Presbyters of the Church, entitled to seats in the Convention.

SEC. 2. Whenever, from public rumor or otherwise, the Bishop shall have reason to believe that any Clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct, for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the Church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint three persons, one of whom at least shall be a Presbyter, to examine the case; and if, after such examination, they shall decide that there is sufficient ground for presentment, they shall present the Clergyman accordingly.

SEC. 3. A presentment being made in any one of the modes above prescribed, the Bishop may dismiss it, if the facts stated in the presentment do not appear to him to be such as constitute an offence; or he may allow it in part and dismiss the residue, if some of the facts stated in it constitute an offence and others do not; or he may permit it to be amended. When

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it shall be allowed in whole, or in part, the Bishop shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused; and shall also nominate six Presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, and not parties to the presentment, three of whom shall be selected by the accused, and their names notified in writing to the Bishop, within thirty days after he shall have received a list of the nominees; and if he shall fail to give such notification to the Bishop within the said thirty days, the Bishop shall select three, and the Presbyters so selected shall form a Board for the trial of the accused, and shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time and from place to place, (but always within this Diocese,) as they shall think proper.

Sec. 4. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting shall be served on the accused at least thirty days before such meeting; and also on one of the persons making the presentment.

Sec. 5. If the whole number of three shall not attend at the time appointed for the first meeting of the Board, two of them, if present, may adjourn from time to time; and if, after one adjournment or more, it shall appear to them improbable that the whole number will attend within a reasonable time, then the accused, or (if he fail to do so) the Bishop, shall appoint another of the six Presbyters nominated to complete the Board, who shall then proceed to the trial; and a majority of them shall decide all questions.

Sec. 6. If, before the appointment of a Board for his trial, the accused shall acknowledge the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Bishop shall at once proceed to pass sentence. A failure to make such an acknowledgment shall be regarded as a denial of the facts alleged.

Sec. 7. If the accused, after having received due notice of their time and place of meeting, shall not appear before the Board of Presbyters appointed for his trial, the Board shall proceed nevertheless as if he were present, unless there be some good cause for their adjourning till another day.

Sec. 8. When the Board proceed to the trial, they shall hear such evidence as shall be produced, which evidence

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shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively; and, at the desire of either party, sworn to or affirmed by the witnesses respectively, before the President of the Court. But should the accused, at the time of trial, or during its progress, confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Board may dispense with hearing further evidence, and proceed at once to state to the Bishop what sentence they think ought to be pronounced.

Sec. 9. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, he may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of any material witness who, he is satisfied, cannot be procured upon the trial. Such Commissary may be either a Clergyman or a Layman, and the party so applying shall give to the other at least six days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance; and both parties may attend and examine the witness; and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witness, and certified by the Commissary and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Board, who shall receive them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed by him.

Sec. 10. The Board, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively; and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be without delay communicated to the accused. And the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Board; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused and any two or more of the Clergy to meet him at such time as he may appoint,

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and in such church as he may designate, which shall be thrown open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop may grant a new trial to the accused, if he is satisfied that justice requires it; in which case a new Board of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SEC. 11. All notices and papers contemplated in this Canon, may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificates of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written notice or paper delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper; provided, however, that the service, if not personal, shall be a notice of at least sixty days.

SEC. 12. The accused may have the privilege of appearing by counsel; in case of the exercise of which privilege, and not otherwise, the presenters shall also have the like privilege; which counsel shall, in all cases, be members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 13. The record of all the proceedings upon the presentment of a Clergyman shall be preserved by the Standing Committee, and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their Secretary.

CANON IV.

The Clergy required to attend the Meetings of the Convention.

SECTION 1. Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the Meetings of the Convention is of essential importance to the interests of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them.

SEC. 2. And whereas it is often found necessary to travel a considerable distance to the place of meeting of the Convention, it is hereby made the duty of the several Parishes to make provision for the expenses of their Clergy in attending

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Convention, either by a collection in church on Sunday, or by some other mode.

CANON V.

Ministers of Parishes to keep a Register.

SECTION 1. The Parish Register required by Canon XXIX. of the General Convention of 1832, shall specify the name and the time of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the Parents and Sponsors; the names of the adults baptized, and the witnesses; the names of the parties married, and of two or more special witnesses of the same, and the place where the marriage was solemnized; the names of the persons buried; and also the time at which each rite was performed. It shall also contain the names of persons confirmed, and a list of the communicants. These Registers shall be kept by the Minister in a suitable book to be provided by the Vestry, which book shall be the Parish Register, and shall be preserved by the Vestry as a part of the records of the Church.

SEC. 2. Every Minister of this Diocese shall, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, present or send to the Bishop (or, if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention) a Report of his official acts during the past conventional year. Ministers in charge of Parishes shall give a statement of the number of persons baptized and confirmed in their Parishes since the last Annual Convention; the number of those who partake of the Lord's Supper, specifying the additions and removals that have taken place, and the number of marriages and funerals. Also, the number of pupils and teachers connected with the Sunday-schools; and the amount of the "Offerings of the Church," stating the objects to which such offerings are appropriated, and what has been done in compliance with the requisitions of the Convention. Also, the name of the Treasurers of the Vestries or Congregations with which they may be connected as Rectors or officiating Ministers. The Parochial Report may also present concisely any other matters of fact which show the state of the Parish.

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SEC. 3. In every case where a Parish is destitute of a Minister, the Register contemplated in this Canon shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose.

CANON VI.

Delegates to be chosen to represent the Diocese in General Convention.

The Convention at each Annual Meeting shall choose Delegates to attend the General Convention. And should the delegation elected to represent the Diocese in General Convention be unable to attend, then the Bishop (or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee) shall have power to appoint a delegate or delegates in behalf of the Diocese.

CANON VII.

Certificates to be required of Lay Delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

The appointment of Lay Delegates to the Convention of the Diocese shall be certified in writing by the Rector, or Warden, or the Secretary of the Vestry, of the proper Church. And no person shall be admitted as a Lay Delegate in this Convention who is not entitled to vote for Vestrymen in the Parish which he claims to represent. Should none of those appointed by the Vestry to represent the Congregation in Convention be present at the meeting of the Convention, the Rector of the Parish may appoint one belonging to his Parish, who shall act as the delegate thereof.

CANON VIII.

Of Lay-Readers.

No person shall act as Lay-Reader in this Diocese without a license from the Bishop.

CANON IX.

Parochial Assessments.

SECTION 1. At each Annual Convention, assessments shall be laid upon the several Parishes, to provide for the support

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of the Episcopate for the ensuing year, and to meet the contingent expenses of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese to collect by draft upon the Treasurer of each Parish, or otherwise, the amount of its assessment, in four quarterly instalments, viz., on the first of August, first of November, first of February, and first of May.

SEC. 3. In order to secure the punctual payment of these assessments, it shall be the duty of the Minister of each Parish, or (in case the Parish be destitute of a Minister) of the Senior Warden, to make provision, by collection or otherwise, at least one week previous to the time each quarterly payment falls due, for meeting the drafts or calls of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall regularly charge the said assessment on his books against each Vestry, crediting the same with payments when made, and shall report annually to the Convention the state of his accounts with each Parish, which report shall be entered on the Journal of the Convention.

CANON X.

The Mode of Organizing the Convention.

The Convention shall be opened with Morning Prayer, and a Sermon delivered by a Preacher appointed at the preceding Convention by the Bishop. A list of the Clergy entitled to seats shall then be called. The Bishop, or the President, shall appoint a committee of two Clergymen to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, who shall report thereupon the names of such persons as are entitled to seats. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a Secretary, which being done, the Bishop or President shall pronounce the Convention duly organized.

CANON XI.

Of the Pension Fund.

SECTION 1. It is recommended to every Clergyman having charge of a Parish in this Diocese, and to the Wardens,

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where there is no Clergyman, to make a collection annually, at Christmas, for creating a permanent fund in aid of aged and infirm Clergymen, together with the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen.

SEC. 2. All moneys so collected shall be given in charge to a Board of Trustees, consisting of two Clergymen and two laymen, to be chosen by the Convention, of which Board the Bishop shall be, *ex officio*, President, or, if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee. This Board shall exercise a sound discretion in the appropriation of pensions, and the Convention shall appoint a Treasurer, to whom all contributions shall be forwarded. The Treasurer of the Pension Fund shall also be the Treasurer of the Episcopate Fund; and in case of a vacancy, a Treasurer shall be appointed by the Bishop, or Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese.

CANON XII.

Of the Episcopate Fund.

It is recommended to every Parish in this Diocese to make a collection on Easter-day in each year, towards creating a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate. The Convention shall appoint three laymen to act as Trustees of said fund, to whose hands and those of the Treasurer the funds thus collected shall be intrusted, with any other moneys or property which may be given by bequest or otherwise for this purpose.

The Trustees of this fund, or the Treasurer under their direction, shall safely invest the same for accumulation, until it shall reach the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, when the interest or income shall be applied to the annual support of the Episcopate.

All collections shall be remitted to the Treasurer, who shall make an annual report to the Convention.

CANON XIII.

Of Missions and of Education for the Ministry.

SECTION 1. The Church of Christ being essentially a Missionary institution, and every part thereof pledged, by the

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Christian profession, to the support of the Missionary work; and the education of young men for the ministry being necessary to the furtherance of the gospel in the same work; it is solemnly urged upon every member of the Church that he consider his Christian profession as involving direct obligation to promote these objects.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of every Minister in this Diocese to instruct the people of his charge in relation to these objects. And it is recommended to every member of the Church to lay by him, on the first day of the week, in store for these purposes as God has prospered him, according to the Apostolic direction. It is recommended that there be in every Parish in this Diocese a monthly collection on Sunday, the avails of which shall be forwarded quarterly by the Wardens thereof to the Treasurer of the Missionary and Educational Committee.

SEC. 3. There shall be, at each Annual Meeting of the Convention, a Committee, consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese, *ex officio*, and four other members—two clerical and two lay—elected by ballot, to be called the Missionary Education Committee; to which shall be committed the appointment and regulation of beneficiaries, the appointing of Missionaries and Missionary Stations, and making of all appropriations of money for either object; and no money shall be paid by the Treasurer but by an order of the Committee.

SEC. 4. It shall be the privilege of the contributors to designate to which purpose, and also to which branch of the Missionary cause, if such be the designation, their contribution shall be applied. If no designation be made, it shall be at the disposal of the Committee.

SEC. 5. The Bishop of the Diocese shall preside in all meetings of the Committee, when he is present; if absent, a Chairman *pro tem.* shall be appointed. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 6. The Committee shall meet annually at the place and on the first day of the Annual Convention of the Diocese, and at such other times and places as the President may from time to time appoint, or as may be found convenient on their

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own adjournment. Three attending members shall be a quorum, and every meeting shall be opened with prayer.

SEC. 7. No beneficiary or Missionary shall be appointed without the written consent of the Bishop of the Diocese; or, in case there shall be no Bishop, the Standing Committee of the same, which consent shall be entered on the minutes.

SEC. 8. At every annual meeting of the Committee, the Secretary of the same shall submit a report of the transactions of the year, then terminated, which, with the Treasurer's report of the receipts and expenditures, shall be laid before the Convention.

SEC. 9. Vacancies in the Committee, occurring during the recess of the Convention, may be supplied by the Committee.

CANON XIV.

Of the Secretary of the Convention.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to transmit annually to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in the General Convention, to the Conservator of Ecclesiastical Documents appointed by the General Convention, and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of the Convention; and he shall request the last to send copies of their Journals in exchange. He shall also transmit a copy to every Clergyman and Lay Deputy attending the Convention, and forward by mail, unless otherwise directed, ten copies to every Church in the Diocese.

SEC. 2. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Secretary of the Convention, the duties thereof shall devolve on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 3. Any expense incurred by a compliance with the several sections of this Canon, shall be paid out of the Contingent Fund of the Diocese.

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CANON XV.

Of Elections.

SECTION 1. All the Officers of this Convention shall be elected by ballot; but elections by ballot may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the Convention.

SEC. 2. In all cases of failure, or omission to elect officers by the Convention, the persons last elected shall continue in office until others be chosen.

CANON XVI.

SECTION 1. No proposed alteration or addition to the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice be given thereof, in open Convention, nor, unless by unanimous consent, until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to, and reported upon by, a committee of at least two Presbyters and one layman.

SEC. 2. Any Canon may be suspended temporarily, by unanimous consent.

CANON XVII.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be a repealing clause in any Canon, and the said Canon shall be repealed, such repeal shall not be a reënactment of the Canon or Canons repealed by the said repealing clause.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Canon shall also apply to Canons heretofore passed having repealing clauses.

CANON XVIII.

All former Canons of this Convention are hereby repealed.

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" J. T. Pickett. John F. Jett.

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" George P. Schetky. J. F. Jett.

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10. REV. B. S. JUDD,
    Deacon—Residing at Winchester.
11. REV. THOMAS B. LAWSON,
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19. Rev. JOSEPH J. RIDLEY, D. D.,
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Residing near Franklin.

22. Rev. R. D. SHINDLER,
Residing at Ripley.

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Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.

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25. Rev. WILLIAM E. WEBB,
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26. Rev. GEORGE WHITE, D.D.,
Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis.

27. Rev. ROB. SHEPHERD,
Absent without leave.

28. Rev. FRANKLIN G. SMITH,
Suspended—Not entitled to a seat in Convention.

List of Clergymen entitled to Seats who were not present in the Convention.

B. S. JUDD, Deacon;
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ST. MARY'S "	. . . . .	"
ST. LUKE'S "	. . . . .	*Jackson.*
ST. JAMES' "	. . . . .	*Bolivar.*
ZION, "	. . . . .	*Brownspille,*
TRINITY, "	. . . . .	*Tipton.*
IMMANUEL, "	. . . . .	*La Grange.*
ST. PAUL'S "	. . . . .	*Randolph.*
ST. THOMAS' "	. . . . .	*Somerville.*
ST. JOHN'S "	. . . . .	*Knoxville.*
GRACE* "	. . . . .	*Loudon.*
ST. PAUL'S, "	. . . . .	*Chattanooga.*
ST. JAMES' "	. . . . .	*Greenville.*
ST. PAUL'S "	. . . . .	*Athens.*

*Missionary station merely.

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LAY DELEGATES—1860.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE,	Hon. F. B. Fogg, G. M. Fogg,* R. Houston.*
ADVENT, "	J. B. Craighead, John Orr, W. M. Reckless.
HOLY TRINITY, "	Thos. Treanor, J. D. Martin, H. W. Holt.
TRINITY, CLARKSVILLE,	T. M. Bradshaw,* Thos. F. Henry,* W. H. Drane;* Alternate, J. D. Tyler.*
ST. PETER'S, COLUMBIA,	Jas. Walker, W. H. Hardin, Jno. Baird.
ST. STEPHEN'S, EDGEFIELD,	W. C. Brown,* W. F. Orr, S. H. Titcomb.*
TRINITY, WINCHESTER,	W. H. Tomlinson, G. H. Cherry,* John Gordon.*
ST. ANDREW'S, MURFREESBORO',	J. B. Rhodes.
CALVARY, MEMPHIS,	A. O. Harris, Lewis Shanks, M. D., F. W. Smith.*
ST. LUKE'S, JACKSON,	Jas. Caruthers, Wm. H. Stephens, T. J. Caruthers.
ST. JAMES', BOLIVAR,	M. T. Polk,* P. Miller,* D. I. Wells.*
TRINITY, TIPTON,	J. F. Jett, R. B. Somerville, S. W. Malone.*
ST. JOHN'S, KNOXVILLE,	J. J. Reese,* F. McClung,* A. F. Mallett.*

*Not in the Convention.

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JOURNAL.

COLUMBIA, *Wednesday, May* 16, A. D. 1860.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Tennessee, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, at half past ten o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. C. T. Quintard, M. D., assisted by the Rev. D. Pise, D. D. The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. George White. D. D.

The Bishop took the chair and called the Convention to order. He then caused to be read a list of Clergymen belonging to the Diocese and entitled to seats, of whom there were present as follows:

Rev. C. F. Collins,	Rev. Chas. T. Quintard, M. D.,
Rev. William Fagg,	Rev. J. J. Ridley, D. D.,
Rev. John A. Harrison,	Rev. Moses S. Royce,
Rev. George C. Harris,	Rev. L. L. Smith,
Rev. Richard Hines,	Rev. Wm. E. Webb,
Rev. Thos. A. Morris,	Rev. George White, D. D.,
Rev. David Pise, D. D.,	Rev. Wm. C. Gray, Deacon.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were laid upon the Secretary's table and referred to the Rev. Messrs. L. L. Smith and Harrison as a committee, who reported the following as duly appointed:

Christ Church, Nashville,	F. B. Fogg, G. M. Fogg, Russell Houston.
Calvary Church, Memphis,	A. O. Harris, Lewis Shanks, F. W. Smith.
Advent, Nashville,	J. B. Craighead, John Orr, W. M. Reckless.
St. Peter's, Columbia,	James Walker, W. H. Hardin, John Baird.

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Trinity Church, Tipton,	J. F. Jett, R. B. Somerville, S. W. Malone.
St. Luke's, Jackson,	James Caruthers, Wm. H. Stephens, Thomas J. Caruthers.
Trinity, Nashville,	Thomas Treanor, J. D. Martin, H. W. Holt.

The list being called by the Secretary, the following appeared and took their seats:

A. O. Harris, John Orr, James Walker, W. H. Hardin, John Baird, J. F. Jett, R. B. Somerville, T. J. Caruthers, Thos. Treanor, H. W. Holt.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Secretary. The Rev. D. Pise, D. D., being nominated and declining a rëelection, the Rev. R. Hines was nominated and unanimously elected.

The President then Declared the Convention duly organized.

On motion, the rules of order of the last Convention being read, were adopted for the government of this. (*Vide* Appendix A.)

The Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past eight o'clock.

THURSDAY, May 17, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled, the Bishop in the Chair. After prayers by the President, the roll was called and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Clergymen belonging to this Diocese, but not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen belonging to other Dioceses and candidates for holy orders, be invited to take seats as honorary members of this Convention.

Mr. Wm. H. Stephens, James Caruthers, W. H. Tomlinson, J. B. Rhodes and W. F. Orr appeared and took their seats in Convention.

Certificates from Trinity Church, Clarksville, were laid on the Secretary's table and referred to the proper committee, which reported the following as duly elected: T. M. Bowman, Thomas F. Henry, Wm. H. Drane, and J. D. Tyler, Alternate.

On motion, a committee on the admission of new churches was appointed, viz: Rev. Dr. Pise, Messrs. F. B. Fogg and James Caruthers.

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Articles of Association from St. Paul's Church, Athens, St. Stephen's Church, Edgefield, St. Andrew's Church, Murfreesboro', and Trinity Church, Winchester, were laid upon the Secretary's table and referred to the proper committee.

On motion, A. O. Harris was elected Treasurer, *pro tempore.*

On motion, special and standing committees were appointed. The committee on assessments was appointed, consisting of the following persons:

Rev. Thomas W. Humes, *Chairman*;	
" Mr. Fagg,	Mr. James Walker,
" Mr. Hines,	Dr. Lewis Shanks,
" Dr. Ridley,	Mr. Wm. H. Stephens,
" Mr. Rogers,	Mr. R. B. Somerville,
Mr. F. B. Fogg,	Mr. W. H. Tomlinson,
Mr. J. B. Craighead,	Mr. J. B. Rhodes,
Mr. Thomas O. Treanor,	Mr. W. F. Orr.

On motion, the auditing committee was appointed, consisting of the following persons: W. H. Stephens, M. S. Royce and John Orr.

On motion, the committee on the state of the church was appointed, consisting of the following persons: Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. J. J. Ridley, D. D., Rev. G. White, D. D., Rev. Thos. Humes, Mr. J. F. Jett and R. B. Somerville.

On motion, the committee on unfinished business was appointed, consisting of the following persons: Rev. Mr. Harlow, Rev. Mr. Harris, and Mr. Hardin.

The Bishop then read his annual address to the Convention.

On motion, three committees were appointed, to the first of which was referred that part of the Bishop's address relating to the Episcopate and Pension Fund; to the second, the part which relates to the Church at Covington; to the third, the part which relates to the Columbia Institute.

On the first committee the Bishop appointed Dr. Quintard, F. B. Fogg, W. H. Stephens; on the second, Rev. Mr. Collins, R. B. Somerville, J. F. Jett; on the third, Dr. Ridley, Rev. Mr. Harrison, James Walker.

On motion, the rest of the Bishop's report was referred to the committee on the state of the church.

The committee on the admission of new churches made the following report:

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The committee on admission of churches respectfully report, that the committee have had under consideration the application of St. Paul's Church, Athens, St. Stephen's Church, Edgefield, St. Andrew's Church, Murfreesborough, and Trinity Church, Winchester, for admission into Union with this Convention, and find that the canon for admission of churches has, in each case been complied with; the committee therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the aforesaid Churches be and they are hereby admitted into Union with this Convention.

Rev. Dr. Quintard gave notice of a canon which he intended to introduce.

The following lay delegates appeared and took their seats:

Trinity, Winchester, W. H. Tomlinson.
St. Andrews, Murfreesboro', J. B. Rhodes.
St. Stephens, Edgefield, W. F. Orr.

On motion, the constitution as amended was read article by article and adopted, and, on motion, was unanimously adopted as a whole.

On motion, the reading of parochial reports was dispensed with, and they were referred to the committee on the state of the church.

Rev. Dr. Quintard read an amendment which he intended to propose to Article X, and also a canon relative to suspended parishes.

Mr. J. B. Craighead gave notice of an amendment which he proposed to Canon VII.

Rev. Mr. Harrison introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Rev. Dr. Pise for his long and efficient services as the Secretary of this body.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to half-past four o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 4½ P. M.

The Bishop called the Convention to order and directed the Secretary to call the roll. Rev. J. T. Pickett appeared and took his seat.

Certificates of lay delegates were laid on the Secretary's table from St. James' Church, Bolivar, St. John's Church, Knoxville, and were referred to the proper committee.

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The report of the standing committee was read and adopted. (*Vide* Appendix B.)

The Committee on that portion of the Bishop's address relating to the church at Covington, made the following report:

The committee appointed on that portion of the Bishop's address relating to the church building at Covington, report that they have no means, at present, of information concerning the same, and beg to be relieved from further duty.

C. F. COLLINS,
J. F. JETT,
R. B. SOMERVILLE.

The report was recommitted and the committee requested to report at this or the next Convention.

The committee on unfinished business made the following report:

The committee on unfinished business beg leave to report that they have examined the Journal of last Convention and find nothing necessary to be brought forward for the consideration of this Convention.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The Treasurer of the Episcopate and Pension Fund and of the University of the South, read the following report. (*Vide* Appendix C.)

On motion, the report was referred to the auditing committee.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect the following officers. Ballots being dispensed with, W. B. Richmond was unanimously rëelected Treasurer of the Convention. Ballots being dispensed with, John Baird was unanimously rëelected Treasurer of the University of the South.

The Convention proceeded to elect by ballot the standing committee. J. F. Jett and Mr. Tomlinson were appointed a committee to collect the ballots. The following persons were elected: Rev. Dr. Pise, Rev. Dr. Quintard, Rev. Dr. Ridley, Messrs. F. B. Fogg and J. B. Craighead.

The Convention then balloted for delegates to the General Convention. John Baird and J. F. Jett were appointed a committee to collect the ballots. Dr. Pise and Dr. Quintard, of the Clergy, and F. B. Fogg, Wm. H. Stephens, J. F. Jett and John Baird of the Laity were elected.

On motion, balloting was dispensed with in the election of two clergymen as delegates to the General Convention, and those persons declared elected who had received the highest number of

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votes, which resulted in the election of Rev. John A. Harrison and Rev. Richard Hines.

On motion, balloting was dispensed with, and Mr. Rogers being nominated to supply the place of Mr. Schetky, the Missionary and Education committee of last year were rëelected.

Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, May 18, 1860.

The Bishop called the Convention to order and read prayers. The roll was called. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved as amended.

Mr. F. B. Fogg then gave notice of a new canon which he intended to introduce, for the filling of vacancies during the recess of the Convention.

Dr. Quintard introduced a new canon relative to parishes not entitled to representation, and it was referred to a committee consisting of the following persons: Rev. Dr. Quintard, Messrs. F. B. Fogg and L. Shanks.

The committee on assessments made the following report:

To the Convention of Tennessee, in Session at Columbia:

The committee upon assessments for the support of the Episcopate and the contingent fund, report that they have agreed upon the following scale of assessments and recommend their adoption, to wit:

	EPISCOPATE.	CONT. FUND.
Christ Church, Nashville,	$350	$28
Calvary Ch., Memphis,	600	36
Grace, "	100	8
St. Mary's, "	150	12
St. Peter's, Columbia,	150	12
St. John's, Ashwood,	50	4
Trinity, Clarksville,	200	16
Immanuel, La Grange,	50	4
St. Luke's Jackson,	175	12
St. John's, Knoxville,	100	8
St. James', Bolivar,	75	5
Trinity, Tipton,	100	8
Ravenscroft Chapel, Tipton,	000	0
St. James, Greenville,	20	1 50
St. Paul's, Franklin,	35	2
Zion, Brownsville,	20	2
St. Mark's, Williamsport,	20	2
St. Paul's, Chattanooga,	30	2
St. Thomas', Somerville,	50	3
Emmanuel, Ripley,	110	8
Advent, Nashville,	300	20

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St. Matthew's, Covington,	15	1
Holy Trinity, Nashville,	30	2
St. Stephen's, Edgefield,	10	1
Trinity, Winchester,	10	1
St. Andrew's, Murfreesboro',	30	2
Mission at Shelbyville,	30	2
St. Paul's, Athens,	10	1
	$2820	$203 50

THOS. W. HUMES, *Chm'n.*

On motion, the report was received and the scale of assessments as recommended, adopted.

The Treasurer made his report, (*Vide* Appendix D,) which was referred to the auditing committee.

On motion the Convention adjourned to 4½ o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, 4½ o'clock, P. M.

The Bishop called the Convention to order. The roll was called.

The Treasurer of the Missionary and Education Fund made his report, (*Vide* Appendix E,) which was referred to the auditing committee.

The committee on that portion of the Bishop's address referring to the Episcopate Fund, made the following report:

The committee appointed to take into consideration that part of the Bishop's address referring to the endowment of the Episcopate, beg leave to report that it is a subject which demands prompt and energetic action on the part of this Convention. The sentiment is believed to be almost unanimous in the parishes generally, that the measures hitherto pursued have not only been in a lamentable degree inadequate, but injurious to the best interests of the church. It is now more than twenty years since the Convention of this Diocese recognized, in the most emphatic manner, the importance of creating a fund for the endowment of the Episcopate, and inaugurated measures looking to the accomplishment of that object. Repeatedly the subject has been brought forward in Convention, and in every instance the measures proposed have resulted essentially in failure. At the Convention of the church held in La Grange, in May, 1858, a committee was appointed to consider this subject. That committee recommended the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That any surplus that may remain in the hands of the Treasurer of the Covention at the close of each financial year, (after paying the salary of the Bishop and defraying the

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contingent expenses of the church,) shall be paid into the hands of the Trustees of the Episcopate Fund, to be invested as other moneys are.

2. *Resolved*, That the standing committee of the diocese be authorized to appoint some suitable person as agent, whose duty it shall be to solicit donations of land, moneys or other property for the support of the Episcopate; to preserve the deeds of land so donated to the Convention; to pay the taxes on said lands; to make contracts for the renting of the same, and to transact any other business in connection with said lands that the interests of the church may require: Provided the lands so donated shall not be sold unless by order of the Convention.

The committee acknowledge the practical wisdom of these resolutions, but still, from one cause or another, they have not been effectually acted upon. The committee therefore begs leave to recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Rev. J. Thomas Pickett be appointed the agent of this Convention to solicit lands, money and other property for the creation of a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate, and that the clergy throughout the diocese be called upon to cöoperate with him in securing said fund, and further, that the expenses be provided from the fund so collected.

On motion, the report was received and the resolution adopted.

The committee on that portion of the Bishop's address relating to the Columbia Female Institute, made the following report:

The committee raised upon so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the Columbia Female Institute, are happy to state that the property is relieved from embarrassment by the assumption of the balance due, by the Principal, W. H. Hardin, Esq., and that the Trustees are now ready to convey it to the Diocese of Tennessee.

Your committee cheerfully adopt the language of the Bishop giving expression to the high estimation in which the institution is deservedly held, and commend it to the favor and patronage of south-western Episcopalians as a nursery for their daughters and wards, wherein their intellectual, moral and religious characters will be guarded and properly developed. It eminently merits the confidence and support of the church, and your committee respectfully bespeak for it an enlarged measure of church patronage. We propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That Mr. John Baird, of Columbia, be appointed agent of this Convention to receive the conveyance of the Columbia Female Institute, and that it be filed away in the archives of the diocese, and that no debt be allowed to be incurred upon the property hereafter forever, and that the present trustees be continued.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. RIDLEY, D. D., *Chm'n.*

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On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Mr. F. B. Fogg introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That John Baird, the Treasurer of the Episcopate and Pension Fund, be and he is hereby authorized to vote as proxy for this Convention, upon its stock in the Union and Planters Banks, and that the Secretary furnish him with a copy of this resolution as an authority for that purpose.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society be instructed to collect the amount due this diocese by the Rev. Dr. Cressey.

On motion, balloting was dispensed with, and the Trustees of the University of the South were elected, which resulted in the choice of the Trustees of the last year for the ensuing three years.

On motion, balloting was dispensed with, and the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary were elected. The Trustees of the last year were rëelected.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next meeting of this Convention take place at St. Thomas' Church, Somerville, on the 3d Wednesday in May, 1861.

The Bishop recommended the *Church Intelligencer*, a paper printed at Raleigh, N. C., to the patronage of the clergy and laity of his diocese.

The Rev. Dr. White introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Church Intelligencer be recommended to the patronage of the church of this State.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Craighead gave notice of a proposed amendment to Canon V.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

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MAY 19, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop called the Convention to order. The Secretary called the roll. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. J. A. Harrison was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*. N. Edwin Perkins was reported as a lay delegate from St. Paul's, Franklin. Mr. Perkins appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Fogg moved the adoption of the canon introduced by him yesterday, entitled "A Canon for the filling of vacancies during the recess of the Convention," viz:

Resolved, That where there is any vacancy by death, resignation, or otherwise, in any office where the officer is elected by this Convention, the Bishop shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy until the next session of the Convention. This canon shall apply to Trustees of all literary institutions as well as to the officers elected by the Convention. This shall only apply in cases not provided for by the constitution or canons already established.

The canon was unanimously adopted.

Mr. W. H. Stephens was substituted for Dr. L. Shanks on the committee to which Dr. Quintard's proposed canon was referred.

On motion, the committee on the state of the church had leave to retire.

Rev. Mr. Harris introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Church Book Society be entered in the Appendix of the Journal of the Convention.

(*Vide* Appendix F.)

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Section 4 to Article V. as proposed by Mr. Craighead, was then read:

"The salary of the Bishop, and all financial reports to be made to the Convention, shall close with the diocesan year, which year shall begin on the first day of May and end with the last day of the following April."

Section 4 was unanimously adopted.

Rev. Dr. White introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Journal with the amendments to the canons be published and distributed under the direction of the Secretary.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The committee on the state of the church reported, through Rev. L. L. Smith, their chairman. (*Vide* Appendix, G.)

The report was unanimously adopted.

The committee on the following proposed canon, of parishes

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not entitled to representation, reported, through their chairman, the Rev. Dr. Quintard, as follows:

"When any parish shall fail, for three successive years, to elect or appoint a delegate to the Diocesan Convention, or shall be in arrears to the Episcopate for three successive years, or shall fail for three successive years to make a report to the Convention through a minister or some person appointed by the vestry, such parish may, upon a resolution of the Convention, be declared not to be entitled to a representation in the Convention, and shall so continue until otherwise declared by the Convention."

The canon was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Craighead's proposed amendment to Canon VII, by the addition of the words "and who is not a communicant of the church," was then introduced.

There was a motion made to lay the amendment on the table, which was rejected.

Rev. Mr. Royce called for a vote by orders on the proposed amendment. The Secretary was requested to call the roll.

Of the Clergy the following voted in the affirmative:

Rt. Rev. Jas. H. Otey, Rev. Mr. Collins, Mr. Fagg, Mr. Harlow, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Harris, Mr. Hines, Mr. Morris, Dr. Pise, Dr. Quintard, Dr. Ridley and Mr. Royce.

Those who voted in the negative were

Rev. Mr. Humes, Mr. Pickett, Mr. Rogers, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Webb and Dr. White.

The following parishes voted in the affirmative:

The Church of the Advent, Nashville; Holy Trinity, Nashville; St. Stephens, Edgefield; St. Paul's, Franklin.

The parishes which voted in the negative were

Christ Church, Nashville; St. Peter's, Columbia; Trinity Church, Tipton county; St. Luke's, Jackson.

The amendment was rejected by the non-concurrence of the laity.

The Rev. Dr. Ridley offered the following standing resolution, to be printed with the canons:

"Whereas it is greatly to be desired that the legislation of the church be confided to members of the body of Christ, therefore, *Be it resolved*, That it be recommended to the congregations of this diocese to elect none but communicants as vestrymen when practicable, and that the vestries send none but communicants as lay delegates when practicable."

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On motion, leave of absence was granted to Rev. Mr. Humes and Messrs. Fogg and Craighead.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at half past four o'clock, P. M.

HALF PAST 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Bishop called the Convention to order. The Secretary called the roll.

The committee on that part of the Bishop's address referring to the Pension Fund, made the following report:

The committee on that part of the Bishop's address, referring to the Pension Fund, beg leave to report that they deem it most advisable to continue the funds in the hands of the present Treasurer.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Rev. Mr. Hines offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Convention be and are hereby returned to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Peter's Church, Columbia, for the liberal and convenient arrangements made for the accommodation of the members of this Convention.

Resolved, That this Convention cannot terminate its present session without expressing a grateful sense of the delightful hospitality extended by the people of Columbia to the members of this Convention, and that the Rector of St. Peter's Church give such publicity to this resolution as he may deem expedient.

Ballots being dispensed with, Messrs. G. M. Fogg, J. B. Craighead and John Baird were elected Trustees of the Episcopate Fund.

The auditing committee made the following report:

The auditing committee respectfully report to the Convention that they have examined the following accounts:

1. The account of John Baird, Treasurer of the University of the South:

2. The account of John Baird, Treasurer of the Pension Fund and of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate:

3. The account of John F. Jett, Treasurer of Missionary and Education Society;

And they find the same to be correct.

They have also examined the account of W. B. Richmond, Treasurer of the Diocese, and of A. O. Harris, Treasurer *pro tem.*

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They see no error in these accounts, except so far as they report a deficit against St. Peter's, Columbia. From papers exhibited by the Treasurer of that church, the committe are satisfied that a mistake has been made by the Treasurer or *pro tem.* Treasurer, and that there is but a small balance owing by that church—say sixty-three dollars and forty-two cents.

M. S. Royce, *Chm'n*,
W. H. Stephens,
John Orr.

The report was unanimously adopted.

After chanting the "*Gloria in Excelsis*," on motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

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ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

The report of my official duties, performed since the adjournment of our last Annual Convention, dates from the 5th November, 1859.

On that day, with the customary services on such occasions, I laid the corner-stone of St. Thomas' Church, Somerville, Fayette County, and delivered an address. Sunday, 6th, in the forenoon, after prayers by Rev. Messrs. Fagg and Hines, I preached to a large congregation in the room used by the congregation of St. Thomas' Church as a place of worship, and, assisted by the clergy present, administered the holy communion.

In the afternoon the Litany was read by Rev. Mr. Burton of Louisiana, and a sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Harrison, after which I confirmed *four* persons.

At night, prayers were read and a sermon preached in the same place.

Nov. 12. At the house of Mr. J. J. Alston, in Tipton county, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Lawson, and an address by myself, I confirmed *nine persons* — all negroes but one.

Sunday, Nov. 13. Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Lawson, I proceeded to Covington, at which place we arrived too late (in consequence of the badness of roads) for morning service. The church, of which the foundation was laid in August, 1858, is not yet finished, and I was pained to learn that in consequence of some misunderstanding with the contractor or builder, there was a debt incurred for which no provision had been made or was likely to be made. In consequence, the building was liable to be sold. I am not informed that any arrangement has yet been made to relieve the building and secure it for the purposes for which it was intended.

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These repeated disasters in attempting to build churches are well calculated to bring discredit upon our communion. It is surprising that persons can be found to engage in such enterprises, call upon the friends of religion to contribute money for their prosecution, and then stand tamely by and see the whole work involved in irretrievable ruin, without seeming to realize that they themselves share, by the judgment of the public, in the disgrace of such failures. It is surely better not to begin to build until the means are provided and secured to finish; and certainly no man who regards a good repute among his fellow men, ought to take it upon himself to make contracts in behalf of the church, unless he is prepared to give attention to the work and see it faithfully executed. I understand that the old building at Covington, used by us as a house of worship, the cost of which, independent of repairs and additions, was three hundred dollars, has been sold for fifty dollars — by whose authority and for whose benefit I know not. The property belonged to the Convention of the Diocese, an incorporated body, and I trust it will take measures to vindicate its rights and discharge its trust.

The case at Covington stands not alone in its singularity or disreputable character. Nearly the same thing, only on a larger scale, has taken place at Chattanooga. The effort to build a church there has resulted, after an expenditure of four thousand dollars or more, in saddling the congregation with a debt of two thousand dollars. If I were called on to name the cause which has most retarded the growth of the church in this diocese, I should, without hesitation, say it was the burden of debt incurred by clergymen and vestrymen in building and furnishing churches. And yet there is not, perhaps, another diocese in the Union, of the same age, that has so little to display in the number and costliness of its church buildings. It is scarcely to be expected that people will readily attach themselves to a congregation which they hear is struggling with debt. And hence even worldly prudence would dictate the propriety and wisdom of avoiding such an incumbrance.

In the afternoon of Sunday, the 13th November, a considerable congregation assembled in the unfinished church at Covington, and after prayers by Rev. Mr. Lawson, I preached. The severity of the cold forbade service at night.

Nov. 23, at morning prayer, in Calvary Church, I confirmed *one* person.

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Sunday, 27th, I preached in Calvary Church after morning prayer, and confirmed *eight* persons.

Christmas Day, in St. Mary's Church, after morning prayer by the Rector, I preached, confirmed *seven* persons, and administered the holy communion.

At night, in Grace Church, after prayers by the Rector, I preached and confirmed *one* person.

January 15, after prayers by the Rector, in Grace Church, I preached, confirmed *six* persons, and administered the holy communion.

March 10, after prayers at night by the Rev. W. C. Gray, our missionary, I preached to a large congregation assembled in the court-house at Trenton.

March 11. Preached in the forenoon and afternoon at the same place, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Gray, and on the last occasion I confirmed *three* persons.

March 15. In Zion Church, Brownsville, evening prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. Collins and Gray, after which I preached and confirmed *four* persons.

March 18. The morning prayer was read in St. Luke's Church, Jackson, by Rev. Mr. Harrison, after which I preached and administered the holy communion. At 4, P. M., in the same church, after prayers by the Rector, I preached and confirmed *seven* persons.

March 19. In St. James' Church, Bolivar, after prayers at night by the Rector, I preached and confirmed *two* persons.

March 25. I held a special ordination in St. Mary's Church, Memphis, and admitted to the holy order of priesthood, the Rev. George C. Harris, of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville. Morning prayer was said by the Rev. J. T. Pickett, who also presented the candidate. The Rev. Dr. Helmuth, of the Church of England, and Rev. Mr. Nash of the Diocese of Wisconsin, were present and took part in the services.

March 27. After morning prayer in Calvary Church, I confirmed *two* persons.

March 31. At Knoxville, in St. John's Church, after prayers by Rev. T. W. Humes, the Rector, I preached at night.

April 1, Sunday. After prayers in the morning and at night, in the same church, by the Rector, I preached, and on the last occasion confirmed *eight* persons.

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April 2. Preached in St. James' Church, Greenville, at night, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Mowbray.

April 3. The Rev. Mr. Mowbray read evening prayer in the Methodist Church at Jonesborough. I baptised two adults, and after sermon confirmed *one* person.

April 4. Preached in St. James' Church, Greenville, after prayars at night by Mr. Mowbray, and confirmed *eight* persons.

April 6—Good Friday. Morning prayer was read in the Methodist Church at Athens, by the Rev. Mr. Lawson, after which I preached and confirmed *three* persons.

At night, having traveled during the day from Athens to Cleveland, the Rev. Mr. Lawson read prayers in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and I preached.

April 7—Easter Even. In the same place, after morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Lawson, I discoursed to a small congregation on the *Intermediate State*—a doctrine of which they seemed never before to have heard.

April 8—Easter Day. The new church building in Chattanooga having been prepared partially for the reception of a congregation, a considerable number assembled in it at 11 A. M. for worship. Morning prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Lawson. I preached, and, assisted by Mr. L., administered the holy communion to ten or twelve persons.

At 4 P. M., in the same place, prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Lawson. I baptized three children, preached and confirmed *one* person.

April 9 and 10. At Winchester. After prayers by Reverend Messrs. Morris and Judd, I preached to large congregations two nights successively, and confirmed *four* persons.

April 11 and 12. I preached three times during my visit to Shelbyville—the missionary station of Rev. J. B. T. Smith—who also read prayers. On the night of the 12th I confirmed *seven* persons.

April 13 and 14. At Murfreesborough I preached to large congregations after prayers by Rev. Mr. Webb, missionary, and confirmed *six* persons.

April 15—Sunday. Preached in Christ Church, Nashville, after morning prayer by the Rector. At night, in the same church, after prayers by the Rev. Messrs. Harlow and Harris, I preached and confirmed *eight* persons.

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April 19th. In Trinity Church, Clarksville, at night, after prayers by the Rector, I preached and confirmed *ten* persons.

The night following, the Rector being necessarily absent, I read prayers, preached and confirmed *one* person.

April 22—Sunday. In the congregation of the Church of the Advent, Nashville, worshipping in Odd Fellows' Hall, after prayer by Rev. Dr. Quintard, I preached and confirmed *twenty-two* persons. I also confirmed, at 2½ P. M., in the Penitentiary, *three* of the prisoners prepared for that rite by Rev. Dr. Quintard; and at 4 P. M., confirmed, in private, a person belonging to Rev. Mr. Smith's congregation. At night I attended a meeting at Odd Fellows' Hall in behalf of Missions. Prayers were offered by Rev. Messrs. Smith and Harris, and addresses made by Rev. Mr. McCoy, of La., and by myself. The collection made for Home Missions amounted to twenty-six dollars.

April 23. At Lebanon, whither I was accompanied by Rev. Messrs. Quintard and Smith, of Nashville, we had services at night on the 23d and on the morning of the 24th, in the Methodist Church. On both occasions I preached to large and apparently deeply interested congregations, after the usual prayers by the clergy present.

April 25. At night divine worship was celebrated by Rev. Messrs. Harlow, Quintard and Smith in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville, after which I preached and confirmed *ten* persons.

April 26. To-day, at 4 P. M., with the usual solemnities, I laid the corner-stone of St. Stephen's Church, Edgefield. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Quintard and myself.

At night on the same day, after prayers by Rev. Messrs. Smith and Harris, I preached for the congregation of St. Stephen's, and confirmed *five* persons.

April 28. Prayers were said in the forenoon by Messrs. Harris and Royce, in St. Paul's Church, Franklin, when I preached and confirmed *one* person.

April 29.—Sunday. Preached morning and afternoon in St. Peter's church, Columbia, after prayers by the Rector.

May 6th—Sunday. In Calvary Church, Memphis, I read prayers, preached, and administered the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon, in St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Mr. Pickett read prayers. I baptized four children and preached.

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May 10. In Immanuel Church, La Grange, after prayers at night by Rev. Messrs. Fagg and Gray, I preached and confirmed *four* persons.

During the past summer, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cobbs, of Alabama, while on a visit to Winchester, confirmed, at my request, *ten* persons. These, added to those reported by myself at other places of the diocese, make the number of one hundred and sixty-seven persons confirmed since the last Convention. There are some others in this parish and in other parts of the diocese who are only awaiting an opportunity to be confirmed.

The following named persons are candidates for holy orders in this diocese, viz: George H. Hunt, George N. James, Wm. H. Bowers, James J. Vaulx, G. W. Southwell, Jos. Wood, Jr., Lucius N. Voigt, John M. Schwrar—making nine in all. Of these, Messrs. Hunt, James, Vaulx and Wood are connected with the Theological School at Nashotah, in Wisconsin. Mr. Hunt expects to present himself for examination for Deacon's orders in July. Of Mr. Bowers I have no report to make. Mr. G. W. Southwell is pursuing his studies under the advice of Rev. T. W. Humes, at Knoxville; Mr. Voigt with Dr. Ridley, at Clarksville; and Mr. Schwrar with Mr. Hines, at Memphis.

Mr. Wm. Adams, a candidate last year, has been transferred, at his own request, to Mississippi.

The clerical changes made in the diocese during the year past are the following: My parochial relations to Calvary church, Memphis, terminated on the 18th of last January. The Rev. Geo. White, D. D., was elected Rector from that date, on the 24th Oct., 1859. The Rev. W. E. Webb, from the diocese of Virginia, the Rev. Ed. McClure, from the diocese of Illinois, and the Rev. W. D. Harlow, from the diocese of Alabama, have been received into this diocese upon letters dimissory. The Rev. Mr. McClure has taken charge of Grace church congregation, Memphis, as Rector; the Rev. Mr. Harlow of St. Stephen's church, Edgefield, near Nashville; and the Rev. Mr. Webb has been appointed missionary to Murfreesboro' and Lebanon. The Rev. J. B. T. Smith has removed from Winchester and taken the missionary station at Shelbyville. The Rev. Wm. Mowbray, having met with the serious misfortune of losing his dwelling and other buildings by fire, on Walden's Ridge, has removed to Greenville, East Tennessee, and officiates in connection with the Rev. Mr. Humes, of Knox-

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ville, for the Congregation of St. James' Church, Greenville. Mr. Humes also extends his care to the congregation of St. Paul's Church, at Athens. The Rev. Thos. B. Lawson has resigned his missionary charge in the Western District and taken the mission to Chattanooga and Cleveland. The Rev. Wm: C. Gray has become the itinerant missionary in Mr. Lawson's place, in the Western District. The Rev. R. D. Shindler, received upon letters dimissory from the Bishop of Mississippi, has taken charge of a Female Academy at Ripley, and officiates at that place. The Rev. J. T. Hildebrand has resigned the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Ashwood, and taken dimissory letters to the Bishop of Jamaica, West Indies. The Rev. George P. Schetky has resigned the Rectorship of Grace Church, Memphis, and been transferred to the diocese of New Jersey. The Rev. Moses S. Royce has resigned the Rectorship of St. Paul's church, Franklin. The Rev. J. A. Wheelock has been transferred to Alabama.

I submit to the Convention the propriety of either modifying or repealing the twelfth canon, respecting the Episcopate Fund. In all cases where laws become inoperative, through neglect or otherwise, the retention of them works injury. It is certainly a matter of great importance to the interests of the church in this diocese, that its episcopate should be endowed; and there can be but little doubt, I suppose, that if the Convention will appoint suitable agents to solicit subscriptions to that end in the three grand divisions of the State, the measure can be accomplished. This diocese contains a population, probably, of one million and a quarter of inhabitants. The dioceses south of us, with a far less number of people, have so far succeeded in endowing their Episcopates as to relieve their congregations, to a considerable extent, from the burden of annual assessments by their Conventions. It is not likely that this can be done during the life-time of the present Bishop of this diocese, and in urging the Convention to begin this work, it is with no expectation that he will derive any benefit from its successful accomplishment. But we have all seen the great inconvenience, trouble and difficulty, to say the least, encountered in the support of the Episcopate by our present mode of annual assessments, and it is certainly the interest of all that it should be changed as soon as it can be.

In regard to the Easter collection, appropriated to the endowment of the Episcopate, it is only necessary to remark that it is

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forgotten in a majority of the parishes, or neglected, and consequently the additions made to it from year to year increase but very little the aggregate amount of the Episcopal fund.

I submit also to the consideration of the Convention, the propriety of merging our Pension Fund into that of the "Board of Trustees for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, and of aged, and infirm, and disabled clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America." The charter, constitution and by-laws of this board were ratified and approved by our late General Convention at Richmond. Accompanying this report, I shall lay on the Secretary's table a copy of the charter and by-laws, as thus ratified and approved, for the information of any committee appointed by this body, should it deem the subject worthy of its consideration.

I beg leave again to commend earnestly to the favor of the clergy and laity throughout the diocese, the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, the Bishop White Library Association, Philadelphia; the Episcopal Female Prayer Book and Tract Society, and the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society. From each of these societies the clergy and congregations of this diocese have repeatedly received liberal donations. If each congregation would contribute the collection of one Sunday only to each of these societies in the course of the year, it would greatly encourage their managers in their good work, and be returned to us four fold in the value of their donations. Let any one of our congregations make the trial, and I am confident they will require nothing more to be convinced of this.

I again call upon all the members of our communion in the diocese to remember the cause of missions. With the increase of our population and the development of our resources, is demanded a corresponding increase of effort to provide means for the religious instruction of the people. With this cause are identified both public and private interests. It is mortifying to reflect how lightly it is regarded. Last fall I addressed a pastoral letter to the members of our communion in this diocese, calling for aid in supporting our diocesan missions, and to assist some of our candidates for orders, in their theological education. In response to my appeal, I received the sum of twenty-five dollars for diocesan missions from a daughter of the church, who for many years past has been deprived of its privileges without forgetting their value; and

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from another, five dollars, for the benefit of our candidates! Ought it not to tinge the cheeks of many among us with the blush of shame to see such a record on our journal?

During the month of February last, I attended the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, convened on tbe 8th of that month in New Orleans, to receive the report of the committee appointed to draft a constitution and statutes for the government of the University. The committee had discharged their duty in a most efficient and satisfactory manner, and their report, with the constitution and statutes recommended, were accepted and adopted with scarcely any amendment other than a few verbal alterations. Every indication at present gives promise of the entire and successful accomplishment of this great and glorious work.

The Columbia Female Institute is pursuing its work quietly but efficiently, and proving its claim to confidence and to the cordial support and patronage of Christian people by the thorough mental discipline and excellent moral training given to its pupils. Steps have been taken to liquidate its small remaining debt, and the property will then pass under the control of the Convention if it choose to accept of the trust. It is only necessary for the members and friends of the church in this diocese to give it the patronage which it most justly deserves, to make it all which its warmest friends anticipated in its establishment by their former cares, labors and sacrifices.

Since we were last together, our General Convention has met and transacted the business committed to it by the constitution and canons of the church. It devolved on me to preach the opening sermon before that body, which duty I performed on the first day of its session, after morning prayer by the Rev. C. T. Quintard and Rev. R. Hines, two presbyters of this diocese, in St. Paul's church, Richmond, Va.

Among the most important works of the Convention was a revision and classification of the canons of the church and the election of two Missionary Bishops — one for the south-western and another for the north-western missionary parts of our country, which were left unprovided with Episcopal supervision. The Rev. H. C. Lay, D. D., was consecrated for the south-west the Sunday after the adjournment of the Convention, and the Rev. Jos. C. Talbot, D. D., at a later day, for the north-west. Thus the

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whole extent of our territory embraced within our civil jurisdiction, from "*the great river*" to both oceans, on the east and on the west, have been placed under the Episcopal supervision of active, energetic and faithful men — men who have proved themselves worthy — who deserve cordial support and confidence, and who will not hesitate to risk their lives, if need so required, for the cause of Christ and his church. Bishops were also consecrated during the session of the General Convention for the dioceses of New Jersey and Texas, and assistant Bishop for Ohio.

Commending you to God's gracious care and protection,

I remain your faithful friend and affectionate Pastor,

COLUMBIA, May 16, 1860. JAS. H. OTEY.

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APPENDIX.

A.

RULES OF ORDER AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the business of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without permission from the President; nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the House unless on a motion for reconsideration made by one of the majority.

7. No motion shall be considered as before the House unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately and without debate.

9. The order of doing business in the Convention, after its organization, shall be as follows:

(1.) The appointment of the Committees of the Convention, and of Special Committees.

(2.) The Annual Address of the Bishop.

(3.) Reports from the Committees of the Diocese.

(4.) Reports from the Treasurers.

(5.) Reports from Committees appointed at the last Convention.

(6.) Election by ballot of Treasurers, Standing Committees, Deputies to the General Convention, and Trustees of the University, and of the Episcopate and Pension Funds.

B.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Tennessee beg leave to report to the Convention that immediately after their appointment, 1st July, 1859,

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the committee was organized by the election of the Rev. David Pise, D. D., President, and the Rev. C. T. Quintard Secretary.

July 1st, 1859. The Rev. Wm. Mowbray, Deacon, laid before the committee canonical testimonials preparatory to becoming a candidate for priest's orders, and was accordingly recommended to the Bishop.

Also, the Rev. Wm. Crane Grey, Deacon, laid before the committee testimonials to the same purpose, and was accordingly recommended to the Bishop.

Sept. 7th. The committee recommended Joseph Wood, Jr., as a candidate for holy orders.

Jan. 7th, 1860. Recommended G. W. Southwell and Lucius N. Voigt as candidates for holy orders.

Feb. 23d. Recommended Rev. Geo. C. Harris for priest's orders.

March 28th. Recommended John M. Schwrar for holy orders.

April 5. Recommended G. W. Southwell as a candidate for priest's orders.

May 16th. Recommended the Rev. Wm. Crane Grey as a candidate for priest's orders.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

REPORTS OF THE TREASURERS OF THE DIOCESE.

C.

EPISCOPATE FUND.

FUND FOR SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE in acc't with W. B. RICHMOND, Tr.

1860.	*Dr.*		
Jan. 20.—To this am't paid Bishop Otey,		$2,319 45	
To this am't paid Bishop Otey,		2,383 58	
			$4,703 03
1859.	*Cr.*		
July 5.—By Balance as rendered to Convention,		$2,319 45	
McMinn and Monroe counties,		25 00	
St. Peter's, Columbia,		117 58	
Trinity, Clarksville,		205 00	
Immanuel, La Grange,		96 00	
Trinity Parish, Tipton County,		100 00	
Ripley Congregation,		110 00	
Holy Trinity, Nashville,		25 00	
Christ Church, Nashville,		350 00	
Church of the Advent, Nashville,		250 00	
St. Thomas', Somerville,		40 00	
Calvary Church, Memphis,		450 00	
St. James', Bolivar,		60 00	
St. John's, Knoxville,		100 00	
St. Luke's, Jackson,		150 00	
St. Mary's, Memphis,		150 00	
Grace Church, Memphis,		100 00	
St. James', Greenville,		25 00	
St. Paul's, Franklin,		30 00	
			$4,703 03

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CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr. CONTINGENT FUND in account with W. B. RICHMOND, Treas. *Cr.*

1859.—July 5.		1859.—July 5.	
To allowed by Convention to St. Peter's, Columbia, $19 30 and $9 42,	$28 72	By Balance as rendered to Convention at Knoxville,	$82 50
1860.—Jan. 10.		Immanuel, La Grange,	9 50
Paid J. B. McFerrin for printing 500 copies Bishop's Address,	39 00	Trinity Parish, Tipton Co.,	8 00
This am't paid Gen'l Convent'n,	58 00	Christ Church, Nashville,	28 00
April 28.		Ch. of the Advent, "	20 00
Paid accounts of Rev. Dr. Pise,	38 86	St. Thomas', Somerville	3 20
May 10.		Calvary Church, Memphis,	36 00
Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay's order for printing for University of the South	20 00	St. James', Bolivar,	5 45
Balance,	74 07	St. John's, Knoxville,	8 00
		Ripley Congregation,	8 00
		St. Luke's, Jackson,	12 00
		St. Mary's, Memphis,	12 00
		Trinity Church, Clarksville,	16 00
		Holy Trinity, Nashville,	2 00
		Grace Church, Memphis,	8 00
	$258 65		$258 65
		By Balance,	$74 07

W. B. RICHMOND, *Treas.*

ARREARAGES FOR SUPPORT OF EPISCOPATE.

St. Peter's, Columbia,	$144 92
St. John's, Ashwood,	250 00
Trinity, Clarksville,	108 00
Ravenscroft Chapel,	50 00
St. James', Greenville,	40 00
St. Paul's, Franklin,	13 75
Zion, Brownsville,	187 50
St. Mark's, Williamsport,	100 00
St. Paul's, Chattanooga,	46 30
	$940 47

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ARREARAGES TO THE CONTINGENT FUND.

St. Peter's, Columbia,	$23 50
St. John's, Ashwood,	54 00
Trinity, Clarksville,	12 00
Ravenscroft Chapel,	4 00
St. James', Greenville,	7 40
St. Paul's, Franklin,	3 30
Zion, Brownsville,	18 40
St. Mark's, Williamsport,	10 30
St. Paul's, Chattanooga,	2 40
	$135 30

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D.

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY,

In account with J. F. JETT, Treas.

1859. *Dr.*

June 29.—By Balance as per account rendered at Convention at Knoxville, 1859, ... $184 77

Sundry collections and receipts from different sources, reported in Journal of Convention, 1859, at pages 51 and 52, ... 295 60

Oct. 11.— By Cash by the hands of Rev. J. Thomas Pickett, of St. James' Church, Bolivar, for educational purposes, ... 50 00

Nov. 30.— By Cash by the hands of Rev. Dr. White—contribution from Calvary Church, ... 46 03

Cash of Mrs. M. E. Fagg, annual subscription, 2 00

"	Mrs. L. E. Williams,	"	"	$2	
"	Mast. D.W.Williams,	"	"	2	
"	Miss Molly Ward,	"	"	2	
"	Miss J. D. Ward,	"	"	2	
"	Mrs. M. Stacker,	"	"	2	
"	Mrs. Allen Johnson,	"	"	2	
"	Dr. W. J. Castner,	"	"	2	
"	David Cook,	"	"	2	
"	Rev. J. J. Ridley,	"	"	2	
"	Mrs. E. J. Ridley,	"	"	2—19 00	

Rev. Dr. Pise, amount communion collection in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, ...33 05

Bishop Otey, from Mrs. Sallie M. C. Reid, ...25 00

——— $655 45

1859. *Cr.*

October 10.—Cash paid Rev. J. A. Wheelock, half y'rs salary, $75 00

11.—To Cash handed Rev. A. N. Littlejohn, Treasurer, in Richmond, for the education of

1860. Geo. James at Nashota, ... 125 00

March 12.—Cash sent Rev. W. E. Webb of Murfreesboro', (half year's salary,) 75 00

Cash sent to Rev. W. D. Harlow, of Edgefield,—half year's allowance, ... 75 00

$350 00

May 18.—Balance in hands of Treasurer, ... 305 45

——— $655 45

To the Diocesan Convention of Tennessee, sitting at Columbia:

The Secretary and Treasurer would report the above account as showing the condition and action of the Diocesan Missionary and Education Society of the Diocese.

Respectfully,

J. F. JETT, *Sec'y and Treas.*

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At a meeting of the Diocesan Missionary and Education Society of the Diocese of Tennessee, the Right Rev. the Bishop presiding, held in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Saturday evening, May 19, 1860, J. F. Jett was reëlected Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The report of the Secretary and Treasurer of the action of the committee and the condition of the society, having been read and ordered to be printed in the Journals of the Convention then being held in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, no report was asked by the meeting. The report to the Convention showed the balance in the Treasurer's hands, on the 18th May, 1860, unappropriated, to be $305 45.

The receipts during Convention, embracing annual subscriptions, donations and collections in St. Peter's Church, not before reported, are as follows:

Wm. H. Hardin,	annual subscription, (two years)		Columbia,	$4 00
Rev. J. A. Harrison	do	do	Jackson,	2
Dr. J. G. Womack,	do	do	Denmark,	2
Rev. C. T. Quintard,	do	do	Nashville,	2
Mrs. C. T. Quintard,	do	do	Nashville,	2
Miss Clara E. Quintard,	do	do	Nashville,	2
W. F. Orr,	do	do	Columbia,	2
Mrs. Dr. White,	do	do	Memphis,	2
Miss Luura White,	do	do	Memphis,	2
Rev. J. W. Rogers,	do	do	Somerville	2
Mrs. Cora Rogers,	do	do	Somerville	2
Mast. J. Watson Rogers	do	do	Somerville	2
Mast. Wm. S. Rogers	do	do	Somerville	2
Miss Mac Rogers,	do	do	Somerville	2
Miss M. Trent,	do	do	La Grange	2
Mrs. M. E. Fagg,	do	do	La Grange	2
Rev. M. Fagg,	(contribution)		La Grange	1
Mrs. Isabella Robertson,	(annual contribution)		Nashville,	2
Rev. Geo. C. Harris,	do	do	Nashville,	2
Mrs. Charles Collins,	(contribution)		Tipton,	1
Miss A. E. Fitzhugh,	(annual subscription)		Bolivar,	2
Mrs. R. B. Somerville,	do	do (two years)	Tipton,	4
Collections in St. Peter's Church this evening,			Columbia,	23 80
J. F. Jett,	(annual subscription)		Tipton,	2
Mrs. S. J. Whitley,	do	do	Tipton,	2
Contribution in St. Peter's Church, Sunday, 20th,			Columbia,	23
Mary E. Wright,	(annual subscription)		La Grange	2
Mrs. Sallie E. Cotton,	do	do	La Grange	2
Mrs. Alice L. Houston,	do	do	La Grange	2
Mrs. James Caruthers	do	do	Jackson,	2
Mrs. John Orr,	do	do	Columbia,	2
Mast. Jas. Harris Rogers,	do	do	Somerville,	2
				$108 80

COLUMBIA, May 20, 1860. J. F. JETT, *Sec. and Treas.*

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E.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EPISCOPATE FUND.

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Tenn.

The Treasurer of the Episcopate and Pension Funds begs leave to present the following report:

JOHN BAIRD, Treasurer, in account with EPISCOPATE FUND.

1859.			
July 1.—To Balance, per last report,			$248 93
8.—To amount from St. James' Church, Bolivar,	$25 00		
To amount from Calvary Church, Memphis,	52 60		
To amount from St. John's Church, Knoxville,	3 50		
Nov. 21—To half dividend on Bank Stock,	30 00		
1860.			
Jan'ry.—To " "	25 00		
April 9.—Amount from St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	6 95		$143 05
			$391 98

PENSION FUND.

JOHN BAIRD, Treasurer, in account with PENSION FUND.

1859—July 1.—To Balance per last report,		$113 70
" 8.—Amount from St. John's Church, Knoxville,	$ 3 50	
November 21—Half dividend on Bank Stock,	30 00	
December 27—Amount from St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	10 00	
" 27—Amount from St. James' Church, Bolivar,	10 00	
1860: Jan. 21—Amount from Calvary Church, Memphis,	41 10	
" 21—To half dividend on Bank Stock,	25 00	$119 70
		$233 40

In compliance with a resolution adopted at the last Convention, requiring the Treasurer to divide the bank stock and money then on hand equally between the two Funds, and hereafter keep separate accounts, I have proceeded to do so, and the accounts now stand as follows:

Amount to Credit of Episcopate Fund, viz:

Half cash on hand by last report,	$181 31
Half Bank Stock,	500 00
Amount received during the current year, as by this report,	143 05
Total amount of Episcopate Fund,	$824 36

Amount to Credit of Pension Fund:

Half cash on hand by last report,	$181 31
Half Bank Stock,	500 00
Amount received during current year, as by this report,	119 70
Total amount of Pension Fund,	$801 01

I beg leave also to state that the amounts stated in this report as *cash* in the hands of the Treasurer, have been placed in the hands of an agent for a further investment in Union Bank Stock.

All of which is respectfully submitted. JOHN BAIRD, *Treas.*

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As Treasurer of the University of the South, for the Diocese of Tennessee I report that I have received from the Rt. Rev. Commissioners, Bishops Elliott and Polk, notes and obligations amounting to twenty-eight thousand four hundred and eighty dollars — twenty-eight thousand of which is subscribed as capital, and four hundred and eighty for current interest.

Receipts and Disbursements.

RECEIPTS:

1860.—Feb. 15—Cash for Thos. Gales' note, (capital).....		$1,000 00
Feb. 15—Cash " " " (interest).....		240 00
		$1,240 00

DISBURSEMENTS:

1860.—Feb. 15.—Cash paid for one six ⅌ cent. Coupon Bond of the State of Tennessee, ...	$900 00	
" Cash paid Jas. B. Craighead, Treas.,.....	240 00	
Balance, cash on hand,.....	100 00	
		$1,240 00

Respectfully submitted.

MAY 16, 1860. JNO. BAIRD, *Treas.*

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

CHURCHES.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Marriages.	Burials.	Teachers and Pupils in S. S.	Bible Classes.	Cont'bns in addition to sup't of the Clergy.	Appropriations	Rectors' Salary.	RECTORS.
Christ Church, Nashville,...	17	9	48	3	2	80	1	$4583 60	$4583 60	$2000	Rev. L. L. Smith.
Holy Trinity, Nashville,.....	45	8	66	3	8	122		165 40	165 40	600	Rev. G. C. Harris.
Advent, Nashville, ...	23	26	204	6	8	118		2250 13	2250 13	2000	Rev. C. T. Quintard, M. D.
St. Stephen's, Edgefield,.....	1	6	30			28		34 20			Rev. Wm. D. Harlow.
St. Paul's, Franklin,.....	2	1	13								
St. Peter's, Columbia,.....	3		63		4	42		251 87	195 83	1000	Rev. D. Pise, D. D.
Trinity, Clarksville,.....t.....	22	11	147	3	7	53	1	420 30	420 30	1000	Rev. J. J. Ridley, D. D.
Calvary, Memphis,.....	36	11	250	17	24	134		7105 31	7105 31	2000	Rev. G. White, D. D.
Grace, Memphis, ...											Rev. Edward McClure.
St. Mary's, Memphis, ...	12	7	55	4	4	36		1319 22	1319 22	1500	Rev. R. Hines.
St. Luke's Jackson,.....	23	7	66	4	10	33		602 60	602 60	1000	Rev. J. A. Harrison.
St. James', Bolivar,.....											
Zion, Brownsville,....	7	4	16		2				35 00		Rev. C. Collins.
Trinity, Tipton,.....	13		66	1	4			196 00	176 00	800	Rev. C. Collins.
Immanuel, La Grange,.....	22	4	37	1	5	42		944 00	944 00	350	Rev. W. Fagg.
St. Thomas', Somerville,.....	9	5	40		2	38		49 50	43 20	1000	Rev. J. W. Rogers.
St. John's, Knoxville,.....	10	8	70	3	7	74		311 00	311 00	800	Rev. T. W. Humes.
St. James, Greenville,.....	5	8	21		1	37	1			260	Rev. Wm. Mowbray.
St. Andrew's, Murfreesboro',	3	6	13	1					75 00	300	Rev. Wm. E. Webb.
Trinity, Winchester,.....	16	14	26	1	1	79	1	39 50	7 00		Rev. Thos. A. Morris.
Ch. of Redeem'r, Shelbyville,	6	7	13								Rev. J. B. T. Smith.
St. Paul's, Athens,.....	2	3									Rev. T. W. Humes.

The committee regret that so little interest is felt in our congregations on the subject of diocesan missions. In all parts of our State we see favorable openings for the church, and we are satisfied that the labors of a faithful missionary, at any one of them, would, in a few years, result in the building up of a strong congregation. It would be good policy to endeavor to plant the church in all these places; and by a little exertion this could be done. If every Rector would only regard his parish as a society auxiliary to the Diocesan Mission-

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ary Society, and procure the subscriptions of as many persons in it as possible, to be paid annually to the Treasurer of the Diocesan Society, we are convinced that the amount raised for missions would be quadrupled. We would, accordingly, earnestly recommend such a course to every Rector. But while so much less has been done than might have been done, we feel it to be a subject of congratulation that so much more has been done in the Diocese during the past year than was ever done in it before in the same period of time. Four new churches have been added to our number, and in one of the four, a church edifice is in process of erection, which will be completed during the coming summer.

We would earnestly call the attention of all the churches to the remarks of the Bishop, in his address, on the subject of debt. We believe it to be the true policy of church extension never to spend one dollar beyond what has been *received*. There is no greater incubus on churches or individuals than debt. Let us avoid it as we would the plague. The sad experience of too many churches in our own diocese and elsewhere, teaches that money may be raised far more easily for any other purpose than to pay off an old debt.

We make no comments on the relative condition of the church as compared with that of former years, as the above tabular statement will speak for itself.

All of which is respectfully submitted. L. L. SMITH.

CHURCH BOOK SOCIETY.

G.

On the evening of Ascension day, 1860, the Church Book Society of the Diocese of Tennessee held its annual meeting in St. Peter's Church Columbia. The sermon was preached by the Rev. M. S. Royce, and a short address was made by Rev. Richard Hines. After the blessing, the Rev. David Pise, D. D., was called to the chair and the Rev. Geo. C. Harris was appointed Secretary.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. R. Hines, Rector of St. Mary's Church, be reëlected Secretary and Agent of the Depository at Memphis, and the Rev. George C. Harris, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville, Secretary and Agent of the Depository at Nashville.

The following are the Reports for the year 1859-60:

REPORT of the Memphis Branch of the Tennessee Church Book Society for the Year 1859-60.

Due D. Dana, Jr., on old account, as rendered by Rev. Mr. Schetky....	$ 58 48
Books purchased by present Agent,.....	521 20
	$579 68
Paid D. Dana, Jr.,	325 45
Due D. Dana. Jr.,	$254 23
Due Rev. Mr. Harriman on old account, as rendered by the Rev. Mr. Schetky,	$17 34
Books bought by present Agent,	8 00
Due Rev. Mr. Harriman,	$25 34

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Due the Church Book Society, by parishes and individuals,		$298 81
Stock of Books on hand,		100 00
		$398 81
Received of the Treasurer of last year,	$ 50 98	
From St. Thomas' Church, Somerville,	19 35	
From Calvary Church, Memphis,	16 85	
Subscriptions at Convention,	25 00	
Sale of Books,	308 30	
		$420 68
Paid to D. Dana, Jr., as above,	$325 45	
For freight, drayage, exchange, postage, bookcase, etc.,	59 93	
Balance in hands of Agent,	35 30	
		$420 68

RICHARD HINES, *Agent.*

REPORT of the Nashville Depository of the Tennessee Church Book Society for the Year 1859-60.

Amount of Books received from Rev. Mr. Schetky,	$ 55 00
Amount as per invoices from New York,	157 65
	$232 60
Amount Books on hand,	87 50
Amount Books sold,	$145 15

GEO. C. HARRIS, *Agent.*

The following subscriptions were made:

F. B. Fogg,	$1 00	Rev. W. E. Webb,	1 00
Mrs. Branch,	1 00	Rev. T. A. Morris,	1 00
W. J. Polk,	1 00	Geo. W. Quintard,	1 00
John Baird,	1 00	Mrs. Isabella Robertson	1 00
H. Duhin,	1 00	Col. Trotter,	1 00
J. B. Craighead,	1 00	Wm. H. Stephens,	1 00
Mrs. E. Craighead,	1 00	Rev. Dr. Ridley,	1 00
Mrs. Wright	1 00	Mrs. M. Sykes,	1 00
Mr. York,	1 00	Mrs. Hardin,	1 00
Mr. Harmes,	1 00	Miss M. J. Clouston,	3 00
J. F. Jett,	2 50	T. J. Caruthers,	2 00
Miss Mary Orr	1 00	Mrs. C. F. Collins,	1 00
Miss Annie Orrr,	1 00	Mrs. R. B. Somerville,	1 00
Miss Rebecca Orr	1 00	Mrs. S. E. Cotton,	1 00
Mrs. James Walker,	1 00	Miss Maggie Trent,	1 00
Mrs. Fryer,	1 00	Miss. L. Davidson,	1 00
Mrs. H. McKenzie,	1 00	Miss Dabbs,	1 00
A. O. Harris,	5 00	Mrs. A. Houston,	1 00
Mrs. Phillips,	1 00	Rev. Dr. Pise,	1 00
Cash,	75	Rev. R. Hines,	1 00
Miss Annie Brown	1 00	Rev. Geo. C. Harris,	1 00
Mr. Rhodes,	1 00		
Total Subscriptions,			$51 25

D. PISE, *Chairman.*

GEO. C. HARRIS, *Sec'y.*

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PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

REV. L. L. SMITH, *Rector.*

Baptisms: Adults 2, Infants 15. Total,			17
Confirmed,			9
Communicants: Added anew,	9		
Removed into the parish,	10		
Died,	1		
Present number			118
Marriages			3
Burials,			2
Bible Classes,			1
Sunday School: Teachers 10, Scholars 70. Total			80
Collections: Communion alms	$157 40		
Weekly offertory,	535 20		
Other ways	3,891 00		
		$4,583 60	
Appropriations: Episcopate	$350 00		
Contingent Fund	28 00		
Poor	35 00		
Church Expenses	465 40		
African Mission	30 00		
Nashotah	20 00		
Society for Increase of the Ministry	35 00		
Towards debt of the Church	1371 20		
Church repairs	1774 00		
Church furniture,	475 00		
		4,583 60	
Rector's salary,		2.000 00	
Treasurer, G. M. FOGG, Esq. Total		$6,583 60	

Reliable Subscriptions have been made sufficient to extinguish the debt of the church. About six hundred dollars of the money expended in the repairs of the church were raised by the ladies of the congregation, and for a large portion of the remainder, we are indebted to the liberality of an individual.

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Our communion alms and weekly offertory are small compared with former years, owing to the fact of our being excluded from the church for several months while it was undergoing repairs, and being compelled to worship in the basement.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, NASHVILLE.

REV. C. T. QUINTARD, *Rector*.

Baptisms: Adults 12, Infants 11. Total			23
Confirmed			26
Communicants: Added anew	22		
Removed into parish,	23		
Removed from parish,	20		
Died	4		
Present number		204	
Marriages		6	
Burials		8	
Children catechised—first Sunday in every month.			
Sunday School: Teachers 18, Pupils 100		118	
Collections: Offertory from July 3, '59, to May 16, '60		$3,872	24
Appropriations: Support of Episcopate	$ 250		
Contingent Fund	20		
Church Home	40		
Nashotah House	10		
Diocesan Missions	162 80		
Society for Increase of the Ministry,	29		
Church building, (special offering)	65		
Rector	1,622 11		
Poor,	264		
Expenses, rent of hall, &c	1,189 44		
Paid on debt of the parish	219 89		
		$3,872	24
Indebtedness of parish, as reported last year	$435 50		
Amount paid as above reported,	219 89		
Present indebtedness,		215	61
Salary of Rector, (all paid)		2,000	

Treasurer of the Parish, Thos. B. Eastland, Jr.

During the past year the Rector has held services at Minerva College and at the Washington Institute; also, at the State Penitentiary. At the latter place there have been two baptisms and three confirmations. Services have also been held at the Work House and Orphan Asylum. The excavation for the church building was completed last autumn, and the foundations are now being built. The Tuesday following this Convention has been appointed for the laying of the corner stone.

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, NASHVILLE.

REV. GEO. C. HARRIS, *Rector.*

Baptisms: Adults 14, Infants 31. Total.....45
Confirmations,..... 8
Communicants: Added anew,.....10
Removed into the Parish 5
Removed from Parish,..... 6
Repelled 2
Died 2
Present number..... 66
Marriages 3
Burials..... 8
Public Services twice every Sunday and on all the greater festivals; during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and daily during Passion Week.
Children Catechised every Sunday.
Sunday School: Male teachers 7, female 8. Total..... 15
Male Pupils 47, female 60. Total.....107
Bible Class about to be organized.

Collections: Weekly offertory,.....	$306 38		
Contributions.....	109 15		
S. S. offertory and donation.....	45		
		$460 53	
Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate.....	$ 26 25		
Rector's salary.....	295 13		
Incidental expenses.....	95 75		
S. S. Library and rewards.....	43 40		
		$460 53	

We gratefully acknowledge the present of a handsome stone Font from Christ Church, in this city.

Amount of salary Clergyman is entitled to receive, about.....$600 00
Arrears of salary 126 75
Name of Treasurer of the Parish, Thomas O. Treanor.

An effort is now being made to complete the tower of the church building, at least so far as that the unfinished walls may not be exposed. But the parish having disposed of the missionary stipend and become self-supporting, the burden of expense is so greatly increased that the communicants cannot of themselves furnish the amount required for the tower; and while a few friends in the city have made liberal subscriptions, we have not met the encouragement which we thought we had reason to expect; so that success in the matter is still doubtful.

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ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EDGEFIELD,

REV. WM. D. HARLOW, *Rector.*

Baptisms: Adults 1, Infants 0. Total..... 1
Confirmed:..... 6
Communicants: Added anew..... 4
Removed into the Parish..... 3
Present number..... 30
Public services: On Sundays 2, and other days 3.
Children catechised, number of times..... 2
Sunday School: Teachers, male 3, female 3. Total..... 6
Pupils..... 28
Collections: Weekly Offertory.....$34 20
Building purposes.....15 00
Name of Treasurer of the Parish, Wm. F. Orr.

The corner stone of our new church was laid by the Bishop on the 26th of April last, and we expect it to be ready for worship by the 1st of July next. This report is from the 1st of last January, when I entered upon the duties of Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN.

REV. M. S. ROYCE, *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 10—Adults 28, Children 25. Total..... 53
Baptisms: Adults 1, Infants 1. Total..... 2
Confirmed..... 1
Communicants: Added anew.....1
Removed from Parish.....4
Present number..... 13
Public Services were held regularly up to the middle of September, at which time the Vestry accepted the resignation of the Rev. M. S. Royce as Rector. Since then only occasional services have been held.

The undersigned has, since his resignation of St. Paul's Church, officiated by invitation of the respective Rectors of St. Peter's, Columbia, Church of the Advent and Holy Trinity, Nashville, on an average about once in two weeks.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA,

REV. DAVID PISE, D. D., *Rector.*

Baptisms: Infants 3. Total..... 3
Communicants: Removed into the Parish..... 3
Removed from the Parish.....11
Died..... 1
Present number.....65
Burials..... 4
Public Services: On Sundays 70, on other days 29. Total.....99
Children Catechised: number of times..... 5

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Sunday School: Teachers—Males 1, females 5. Total 6
Pupils 36
Collections: Communion alms ..... $ 68 55
Weekly Offertory 183 32
Other ways 283 96
$535 83
Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate $156 88
Contingent Fund of the Convention 12
Pension Fund, Christmas collection 10
Episcopate Fund, Easter collection 6 95
Domestic Missions 10
Other purposes 340
$535 83
Amount of salary Clergyman is entitled to receive $1000 00
Name of Treasurer of the Parish, John Baird.

There are a number of persons waiting for confirmation, who will be confirmed on the Sunday after Convention.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE,

REV. JOS. JAS. RIDLEY, D. D., *Rector.*

Baptisms: Adults 1, Infants, white, 20, colored, 2. Total 28.
Confirmed 11
Communicants: Added anew 11
Removed into the Parish 5
Removed from the Parish 6
Perverted 1
Present number 147
Marriages 3
Burials 7
Public Services: On Sundays about 120, on other days 70. Total 190
Children Catechised: No. times every Sunday 52
Sunday School: Teachers, male 5, female 5. Total 10
Pupils 43
Bible Class: Members, about 30
Collections: Communion alms 63 80
Weekly Offertory 221
Other offerings 135 50
$420 30
Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate $200
Contingent Fund of Convention 16
Dioc. Miss. and Education Fund 19
Domestic Missions 50
Foreign " 25
Other purposes 110 30
$420 30

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Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive: with parsonage,.....$1000
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, Wilson J. Castner.

Mr. W. F. Adams, who was a candidate for orders in this parish at the date of the last parochial report, was transferred, in December last, to the jurisdiction of Bishop Green of Mississippi, and was ordained in Jackson on the 26th of that month, and is ministering with great promise of usefulness in Woodville. Mr. L. N. Voigt is at this time preparing for orders under the direction of the Rector. Notwithstanding the heavy losses by death and removal, the parish is steadily gaining strength, and is, withal, hopeful.

TRINITY CHURCH, WINCHESTER,

REV. THOS. A. MORRIS, *Rector*.

Congregation: Families			14
Baptisms: Adults 11, Infants 5. Total			16
Confirmed			14
Communicants: Added anew	14		
Removed into the parish	1		
Present number			26
Burials			1
Children Catechised, No. of times			6
Sunday School: Teachers—males 4, females 7. Total			11
Pupils—Male 30, female 38. Total			68
Bible Class: Members,			10
Collections: Communion alms	$39 50		
		$39 50	
Appropriated: Domestic Missions	$ 7 00		
Other purposes	275 00		
		$282 00	

Name of the Treasurer of the parish, Geo. H. Cherry.

The Rector acknowledges the obligations of the parish to Rev. B. S. Judd, for efficient assistance. Also, to Rev. W. D. Christian, of Alabama, who spent four months laboring in the parish.

B. S. JUDD, Deacon, officiating at Winchester under the direction of Rev. THOS. A. MORRIS:

Since my connection with this diocese, which took place in June, '59, I have officiated the most of the time at this place, assisting my Presbyter in reading prayers, and occasionally reading sermons.

On the arrival of my family from the North in November, I removed with them onto the mountain, (near the site of the University of the South,) and commenced services at my residence, which were continued until the arrival of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hopkins, from the Diocese of Vermont, when services were commenced at the University buildings. I attended those services and rendered some assistance to the Bishop.

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Since the 1st of February, I have been here with Bro. Morris a portion of the time. The remainder of the time, I have conducted services and read sermons at my residence on the mountain. A Sunday School has been organized there, which, in my absence, is under the superintendence of my wife, The school is well attended, and promises to be a great blessing to those who attend it.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MURFREESBORO'.

REV. W. E. WEBB, *Rector.*

Baptisms: Adults 2, Infants 1. Total		3
Confirmed		6
Communicants: Added anew		6
Removed from parish		1
Present number		13
Burials		1
Public Services: On Sundays 51, on other days 6. Total		57
Collections	00 00	
		00 00
Appropriated: About	$75 00	
		$75 00
Amount of salary Clergyman is entitled to receive		$300 00

Name of Treasurer of parish, Samuel Davis.

The above report is somewhat imperfect, from the fact that I have only for the past six months resided in the county, and the parish is but recently organized. In addition to my labors here, I have visited, twice a month, my mission at Lebanon, where we have added to our communion, *anew*, three persons, and by removal into the parish, four. Of the former, one has left to pursue his studies for the ministry of our church; another to take charge of a school in an adjoining State. In order that more may be accomplished in this interesting field, I have procured the cöoperation of our brethren of Nashville, who have kindly consented to officiate (each in turn) once in four weeks — thereby releasing me of my engagement there on the second Sunday of the month, which Sunday, for the present, I shall devote to McMinnville.

At Murfreesboro', the ladies of the congregation have recently presented the parish with a gown and surplice. A fine toned melodeon has also been obtained, and in part paid for.

At Lebanon, through the zeal of two of our lay brethren, a place has been provided and fitted up for services, and, through the instrumentality of a lady, a handsome gown procured. May the Great Head of the Church reward their zeal and liberality.

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CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, SHELBYVILLE,

REV. J. B. T. SMITH, *Rector.*

Baptisms: Adults 3, Infants 3. Total 6
Confirmations 7
Communicants added 10
Present number 13

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS,

REV. GEO. WHITE, D. D., *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 100
Baptisms: Adults 7, Infants 29. Total 36
Confirmed 11
Removed into the parish, about 40
Communicants, about 250
Burials 24
Marriages 17
Public Services: The church has been opened twice on every Sunday, and on most of the holy days. During Lent it was opened twice a day. At present, services are held twice every Wednesday and Friday.
Sunday School: Teachers—males 6, females 8. Total 14
Pupils between 120 and 135.

Collections: For the support of the Episcopate	$450 00	
For Contingent Fund of the Convention	36 80	
For Pension Fund, Christmas collection	41 95	
Episcopate Fund, Easter collection	31 70	
African Mission	172 35	
Weekly Offertory	622 71	
Communion alms	279 10	
Society for Increase of the Ministry	100 85	
Church Book Society	16 83	
For Infant Sunday School	25 00	
For Rev. Mr. Brainard	30 60	
Contributions from Sunday School, to aid Theological Student,	7 70	
For Domestic Missions	123 15	
Sunday School for African Mission	1 85	
Convocation purposes	25 00	
Contributions to pay debt of the church	5000 00	
From Col. Fowler, for baptismal font	76 50	
Other purposes	63 90	
		$7105 30
Amount of salary clergyman is entitled io		2000 00

Treasurer of parish, W. B. Richmond, Esq.

According to the statement of the Treasurer of the parish, rendered on the 8th of April, 1860, the church was free from debt.

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GRACE CHURCH, MEMPHIS,

REV. EDWARD MACCLURE, *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 85; adults 243, children 195. Total.....438
Baptisms: Adults 1, infants 31. Total.....32
Confirmed.....11
Communicants: Number last reported.....121
(Of this number there was an excess, by overcounting, of 25. So that the total of last year should have been, 96
Added by confirmation.....9
Added by readiness for confirmation.....13
Added by removal.....23
Removed from the parish.....18
Present number.....123
Marriages.....2
Burials: Adults 7, Children 5. Total.....12
Public Services: On Sundays 108, on other days of last half year, 45. Total 153
Children Catechised: Once a month.
Sunday School: Teachers—Males 8, females 10. Total.....18
Pupils—Males 57, females 68. Total.....125
Bible Class: Members.....15

Contributions: Communion alms	$75 85		
Weekly Offertory	268 10		
Sunday School Books $15, Indian Missions $18, Nashotah $60, on hand $10. Total	103 00		
Ladies' Sewing Society.—Gown $50; Ladies' festival $15; Ladies, towards debt on organ, $100; on hand $20, Total	185 00		
Other ways	2226 73		
		2858	68
Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate	$ 50 00		
Contingent fund of Convention	08		
Domestic Missions	19 00		
Foreign Missions	3 00		
Society for the Increase of the Ministry	20 00		
New York Bible and Prayer Book Society	3 00		
Prayer Books—use of congregation	10 00		
Tracts for gratuitous distribution	6 75		
Books for lending	10 00		
On salary of former Rector	980 73		
On salary of present Rector	535 55		
Incidental Expenses—Rent of room, &c	990 57		
The poor	50 00		
Other purposes of benevolence and charity	180 00		
		$2858	68

Am't of indebtedness of parish—will be paid off in a week or two by the Ladies' Festival.
Salary of clergyman.....1500 00
Treasurer of the Parish, John B. Weld.

The Rev. G. P. Schetky was Rector of this parish for the first four months

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of the year. The present Rector has been in charge since the middle of October, 1859. The parish is believed to be in a prosperous condition, perhaps as much so as it can be without a church edifice. Our people are zealous and united. May the blessing of God rest upon them.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MEMPHIS,

REV. RICHARD HINES, *Rector.*

Baptisms: Adults 1, Infants 11. Total			12
Confirmed			7
Communicants			55
Burials			4
Sunday School Teachers			5
Pupils, about			30
Collections: Communion alms,	$ 78 84		
Weekly Offertory and other ways	1240 38		
		$1319 22	
Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate	$150 00		
Domestic Missions	25 75		
Foreign Missions	35 00		
St. Mark's Church, Beaver Dam, Wis	15 50		
Episcopal Church, Fairfield, Iowa	26 00		
Society for Increase of Ministry	50 00		
Poor	550 00		
Organ fund	275 00		
Other purposes	191 97		
		$1319 22	
Amount of salary clergyman is entitled to receive			$1500 00

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, J. P. Trezevant.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON,

REV. JOHN A. HARRISON, *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 41, (adults 106, children 78.) Total			184
Baptisms: Adults 6; Infants 17. Total			23
Confirmed			7
Communicants: Added anew 6, removed from parish 4. Present No			66
Marriages			4
Burials			10
Public Services: On Sundays 98, on other days 52. Total			150
Sunday School: Teachers—Males 3, females 5. Total			8
Pupils—Males 10, females 15. Total			25
Collections: Communion alms	413 60		
Other collections	189 00		
		$602 60	

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Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate	$150 00	
Contingent Fund of Convention	12 00	
Pension Fund, Christmas collection	10 80	
Episcopate Fund, Easter collection	16 00	
Convocation West Tenn	150 00	
Domestic Missions	79 50	
Foreign Missions	5 00	
Church in Seguin, Texas	71 05	
Rector's expenses to Convention	50 00	
Other purposes	58 25	
		$602 60

Amount of salary clergyman is entitled to receive $1000 00
Name of Treasurer of the parish, James L. Talbot.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR,

REV. J. THOS. PICKETT, *Rector*.

Congregation: Families 16, (adults 36, children 35.) Total 71
Baptisms: Adults, 1 white, 2 col'd; Infants 2. Total 5
Confirmed (colored) 2
Communicants: Added anew, 3 whites, 2 col'd 5
Removed from parish 5, repelled 2. Present No 28
Marriages 5
Public Services: On Sundays 74, on other days 52. Total 126
Children Catechised frequently.
Sunday School: Teachers—Males 2, females 7. Total 9
Pupils, about 20
Collections: Communion alms and Weekly Offertory $171 23
Other ways 50 00

Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate	$60 00	
Contingent Fund of Convention	4 80	
Pension Fund, Christmas collection	10 20	
Episcopate Fund, Easter collection	17 20	
For parochial purposes	19 38	
For Missionary in Western District	59 65	
For student at Nashotah	50 00	
		$221 23

Amount of salary clergyman is entitled to 1000 00
Name of the Treasurer of the parish, D. J. Wells.

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IMMANUEL'S CHURCH, LA GRANGE,

REV. WILLIAM FAGG, *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 16.
Baptisms: Adults 1; Infants—white 9, colored 12. Total.....22
Confirmed 4
Communicants: Added anew..... 6
Removed into the parish..... 1
Removed from parish..... 3
Died 2. Present number.....37
Marriages 1
Burials..... 5
Public Services: On Sundays about 40, on other days about 50. Total.....90
Sunday School: Teachers—Male 1, females 6. Total..... 7
Pupils.....35
Collections: Communion alms.....$40 00
Other ways 904 00
$944 00

Appropriated: Support of Episcopate..... $50
Contingent Fund of Convention..... 4
Dioc. Miss. and Education Fund..... 75
Other Purposes: Lot for Rectory..... 675
Sewing Society..... 100
$944 00
Amount of salary clergyman is entitled to receive (definitely).....$350 00
Arrears of salary—considerable, but not known.
Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, John Goodwin.

I have charge also of St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, Miss. Divine service is held in Immanuel's Church, La Grange, on the first and third Sundays in each month, and on every Friday night.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, SOMERVILLE.

REV. J. W. ROGERS, *Rector.*

Congregation: Families.....17
Baptisms: Adults 4, Infants 5. Total..... 9
Confirmed 5
Communicants: Added anew..... 7
Removed into parish..... 1
Removed from parish..... 1
Repelled 1; Died 1. Present number.....40
Burials..... 2
Public Services: Twice every alternate Sunday.
Children Catechised occasionally.
Sunday School: Teachers—Males 3, females 5. Total..... 8
Pupils.....30
Collections: Communion alms..... $49 50
Appropriated: Support of Episcopate.....$40 00
Contingent Fund..... 3 20
$43 20

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Amount of salary clergyman is entitled to receive, $1000, with Missionary Stipend of $200.

Name of Treasurer of the Parish, Z. P. Gray.

Having resigned the charge of St. John's Church, Early Grove, Miss., the Rector will devote his whole time hereafter to St. Thomas' Church, Somerville. One thousand dollars has been added to the subscription for the church building, making five thousand two hundred dollars. The corner-stone has been laid, and it is believed that the church will be ready for consecration by the next convention.

I have not officiated at Moscow since last January. The hall owned by the church in that place has been sold, with the view of building a small church on a lot which has been presented for the purpose.

TRINITY CHURCH, TIPTON COUNTY,

REV. CHARLES F. COLLINS, *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 20—adults 100, children 100. Total			200
Baptisms: Adults 1, Infants 12. Total			13
Communicants: Added anew	1		
Removed into the Parish	3		
Died 1. Present number (white 44, colored 22)			66
Marriages			1
Burials			4
Public Services: On Sundays 30, on other days 12. Total			42
Collections: Communion alms	$20 00		
Other ways	156 60		
		$176 60	
Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate	$100 00		
Contingent Fund of Convention	8 60		
Domestic Missions	35 00		
For Convocation	33 00		
		$176 60	

Amount of Salary Clergyman is entitled to receive, with parsonage,...$800 00

Name of the Treasurer of the Parish, J. F. Jett.

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE,

REV. C. F. COLLINS, *Pastor in charge.*

Congregation: Families 10—adults 65, children 15. Total number		80
Baptisms: Adults 5, Infants 2. Total		7
Confirmed:		4
Communicants: Added anew	4	
Removed into the Parish	2	
Removed from the Parish	2	
Died 2. Present number		16

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Burials..... 2
Public services: On Sundays 30, other days 8. Total.....38
Appropriated: For Convocation.....$35 00
Name of Treasurer of the Parish, Joseph Peete.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, RIPLEY,

REV. R. D. SHINDLER, *Rector.*

Number of families.....5
Communicants.....6
Non-Communicants.....1
Children under fourteen.....4

Through the zeal of this small congregation it is hoped that a neat and commodious church will be ready for divine service sometime during the summer.

REPORT OF WM. C. GRAY, *Missionary.*

TRENTON.—Services 30; Families 3; Baptisms 7—Adults 3, children 4; Confirmed 3; Communicants 6.

DRESDEN.—Services 19; Baptisms—Children 3; Families 2; Communicants 4.

UNION CITY.—Services 20; Families 1.

PARIS.—Services 10; Families 1.

DYERSBURG.—Services 2; Families 1; Communicants 1.

Have also had twenty services at Brownsville, and have baptized there two children.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE.

REV. THOS. W. HUMES, *Rector.*

Congregation: Families 40—adults 95, children 75. Total.....170
Baptisms: Adults 4, Infants 6. Total.....10
Confirmed..... 8
Communicants: Added anew.....20
Removed into the parish.....12
Removed from the parish.....12
Disjoined..... 2
Died 3. Present number..... 70
Marriages..... 3
Burials..... 7
Public Services: On Sundays 61; on other days 41. Total.....102

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Children Catechised, No. of times			6
Sunday School: Teachers—males 7, females 7. Total			14
Pupils—Male 34, female 26. Total			60
Collections: Communion alms	$157 93		
At other times	153 06		
		$310 99	
Appropriated: Support of the Episcopate	$ 75 00		
Contingent Fund	4 50		
Pension Fund	1 00		
Episcopate Fund	2 00		
Diocesan Miss. and Education Fund	54 60		
Dom. Missions	10 60		
Foreign Missions	30 00		
Other purposes	133 89		
		$310 99	
Amount of indebtedness of the parish—arrears of salary			578 00
Amount of salary Clergyman is entitled to receive			$800 00

Name of the Treasurer of the parish, Edward J. Sanford.

The children of the congregation have contributed, as heretofore, at the rate of twenty dollars per annum towards the education of a child in Africa. The Sunday School for colored persons continues to do well—having about sixty scholars, and four male and three female teachers. I have had a congregation at Athens under my charge during the last six months, and have held public worship (with a sermon) at that place about every fourth Sunday. Two children have been baptized there and three persons confirmed.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, GREENVILLE,

REV. WM. MOWBRAY, *Deacon.*

Congregation: Families 12—Adults 30, Children 20. Total	50
Baptisms: Adults 3, Infants 2. Total	5
Confirmed	8
Communicants: Added anew	3
Died 1. Present number	21
Public Services: On Sundays 16, on other days 2. Total	18
Sunday School: Teachers, male 2, female 4. Total	6
Pupils—Males 8, females 23. Total	31
Amount of indebtedness of the parish about	$150 00
Amount of salary Clergyman is entitled to receive	$260 00

Name of Treasurer of parish, William W. Jordan.

Services performed before I came to this parish,	87
Marriages	1
Baptisms	1

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REPORT OF REV. T. B. LAWSON, *Missionary.*

Last summer and fall I spent in the Western District, laboring for the church and the salvation of souls at Ripley, Durhamsville, Covington, Randolph and Ravenscroft. At these places I baptized four adults, twelve children, buried two and presented to the Bishop nine candidates for confirmation.

The work which you had entrusted to my care was, by the blessing of God, steadily advancing, and I was looking onward with hope to the consummation of your wishes, when all was arrested. The causes which led to my removal to East Tennessee were no less unfortunate for the church than unpleasant to mysel. "Man is born to trouble."

In this wide field, and, for the church, barren country, I have held services at Loudon, Cleveland and Chattanooga; baptized five children and presented one adult for confirmation. The families of the latter place number seven—the other two have none.

I deeply regret the necessity (the debt on the church edifice at Chattanooga) which caused me to be absent from the Convention. The feeble condition of this parish and its utter inability to pay off the amount ($2500) which it owes, forced me to visit several cities of the South to solicit funds; and although not yet successful, I still hope, by the blessing of God and the assistance of the faithful, finally to succeed. Those of my brethren who feel (and I believe all do) an interest in St. Paul's, Chattanooga, cannot do a better work for the church than contribute to this unfortunate parish.

I have not, as you will perceive, accomplished much, owing largely to things which I could not control; yet I have sown "good seed," taken from the granary of truth—the church; and although it has fallen upon a soil cold, schismatical and worldly, yet God will bring from it "an hundred fold." East Tennessee, so beautiful in valleys, mountains and rivers, will not remain dead and leafless, but "rejoice and blossom as the rose."

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OF TENNESSEE.

THE Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Tennessee, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Religion and Piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and posterity the advantages of the ministry and ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution:

ARTICLE 1. The Diocese shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Diocese of Tennessee.

ART. 2. The Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America is hereby acceded to and adopted, and its authority fully recognized and acknowledged.

ART. 3. A Convention of the Churches of this Diocese shall be held annually, at such time and place as the last preceding Convention may appoint; and the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, for any good or urgent cause moving thereto, may change the time and place appointed; and, whenever he or they may deem it expedient, may call a Special Convention at such time and place as he or they may think suitable—giving always not less than four weeks' notice previous to the day appointed.

ART. 4. The Convention shall be composed of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, constituting one Deliberative Body. All ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this Diocese, shall be entitled to seats in this Convention. Each Church in union with this Convention may send three delegates, any one of whom may represent it in Convention. But no person under Ecclesiastical censure or process shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention.

ART. 5. Five members of the Clerical and five of the Lay

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Order, from different congregations, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn.

ART. 6. In all matters that shall come before the Convention, the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate in one body, and the concurrence of a majority shall give validity to any measure: but when two members require it, there shall be a vote by Orders.

ART. 7. The Bishop shall be, *ex officio*, President of the Convention. He may make any motion, but shall not enter into debate; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject after it has been discussed, and before any vote thereon. If there be no Bishop present, a President shall be appointed from the Order of the Clergy.

ART. 8. A Secretary shall be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to record the proceedings of the Convention, to notify the Churches generally of the time and place of the meeting of the Convention, to preserve its journals and records, to attest the public proceedings of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession. A Treasurer shall also be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to receive and disburse the funds of the Convention, by the order thereof. He shall render an account of his transactions to each Annual Convention.

ART. 9. A Standing Committee of five persons, three Clergymen and two Laymen, (who shall be communicants,) shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention, with power to fill vacancies in their body, and generally to perform all other acts which may be required of them by the Canons of the General Convention, or the Convention of this Diocese.

ART. 10. Each congregation shall, on Easter Monday (or as soon thereafter as may be) in each year, elect a Vestry, consisting of not less than five nor more than eleven persons, whose duty it shall be to attend to the temporal concerns of the Church. They shall appoint two Wardens out of their own body, who shall be communicants; a Secretary and Treasurer; also, delegates to the Diocesan Convention; and exercise all other powers vested in them by the usages of the Church; and they shall continue in office until a new Vestry is chosen. In all meetings of the Vestry, the Rector shall preside; or in his absence, the Senior Warden, or one appointed by the body.

ART. 11. The election of a Bishop of this Diocese shall be by

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nomination of a majority of the Clergy in Convention assembled, who shall have been canonically resident in the Diocese for the space of six months immediately preceding; and if such nomination be confirmed by a majority of the Laity in said Convention, the person thus chosen shall be declared duly elected. But no election shall be considered legal, unless a majority of all the congregations shall be present by their delegates, and of all the Clergy entitled to a seat in Convention.

ART. 12. Any proposition for the alteration and amendment of this Constitution must be made in writing, and assented to by a majority of the members in Convention. It shall then lie over for consideration until the next Convention, and shall require for its adoption the suffrages of two-thirds of the members present.

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CANONS.

CANON I.

Of the Admission of New Churches.

WHENEVER any number of persons, not less than ten, shall associate to form an Episcopal Church, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee; they shall assume a suitable name by which their church or parish shall be designated, and shall appoint not less than five nor more than eleven Vestrymen. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption, shall then be laid before the Convention for approval, and also a certificate from the Bishop, or in case of his inability to act, or a vacancy in the Episcopate, from a majority of the Standing Committee, that notice was given him or them, at least three months before the Convention, of the organization having taken place, and of his or their approval of the same. Delegates from the church or parish may then take their seats in the Convention, and the church shall be considered as united to the Convention, and subject to its decisions.

When Articles of Association shall not have been expressly adopted and laid before the Convention, the Form of Articles of Association for Congregations, recommended by the Convention of 1830, shall be the Articles of Association for the churches to be admitted, and all other churches in union with the Convention of this Diocese; and such Articles shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Convention.

CANON II.

Of the Reception of Clergymen into this Diocese.

No clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any congregation in this Diocese without producing to the Vestry

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thereof a certificate from the Bishop, or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, from the Standing Committee, that he has produced to him or them testimonials of his religious and moral conduct, as prescribed by the Canons of the General Convention.

CANON III.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman.

SECTION 1. The trial of a clergyman in this Diocese shall be on written presentment made to the Bishop, (or, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee,) specifying the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances, and signed by the party making it. And every presentment of a clergyman shall be either by the Convention of the Diocese, by the Vestry and Church Wardens of the parish to which such clergyman may belong, or by one or more Presbyters of the Church, entitled to seats in the Convention.

SEC. 2. Whenever, from public rumor or otherwise, the Bishop shall have reason to believe that any clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct, for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the Church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint three persons, one of whom, at least, shall be a Presbyter, to examine the case; and if, after such examination, they shall decide that there is sufficient ground for presentment, they shall present the clergyman accordingly.

SEC. 3. A presentment being made in any one of the modes above prescribed, the Bishop may dismiss it, if the facts stated in the presentment do not appear to him to be such as constitute an offence; or he may allow it in part and dismiss the residue, if some of the facts stated in it constitute an offence and others do not; or he may permit it to be amended. When it shall be allowed in whole or in part, the Bishop shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused; and shall also nominate six Presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, and not parties to the presentment, three of whom shall be selected by the accused, and their names notified in writing to the Bishop, within thirty days after he shall have received a list of the nominees; and if he shall fail to give such notification to the Bishop within the said thirty days, the Bishop shall select three, and the Presbyters so selected

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shall form a Board for the trial of the accused, and shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time and from place to place, (but always within this Diocese,) as they shall think proper.

SEC. 4. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting shall be served on the accused at least thirty days before such meeting; and also on one of the persons making the presentment.

SEC. 5. If the whole number of three shall not attend at the time appointed for the first meeting of the Board, two of them, if present, may adjourn from time to time; and if, after one adjournment or more, it shall appear to them improbable that the whole number will attend within a reasonable time, then the accused, or (if he fail to do so) the Bishop, shall appoint another of the six Presbyters nominated to complete the Board, who shall then proceed to the trial; and a majority of them shall decide all questions.

SEC. 6. If, before the appointment of a Board for his trial, the accused shall acknowledge the truth of the facts alledged in the presentment, the Bishop shall at once proceed to pass sentence. A failure to make such an acknowledgment shall be regarded as a denial of the facts alleged.

SEC. 7. If the accused, after having received due notice of their time and place of meeting, shall not appear before the Board of Presbyters appointed for his trial, the Board shall proceed nevertheless, as if he were present, unless there be some good cause for their adjourning till another day.

SEC. 8. When the Board proceed to the trial, they shall hear such evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively; and, at the desire of either party, sworn to or affirmed by the witnesses respectively, before the President of the Court. But should the accused, at the time of trial, or during its progress, confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Board may dispense with hearing further evidence, and proceed at once to state to the Bishop what sentence they think ought to be pronounced.

SEC. 9. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, he may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of any material witness who, he is satisfied, cannot be procured upon the trial. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and

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the party so applying shall give to the other at least six days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional days' notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance; and both parties may attend and examine the witness; and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and certified by the Commissary and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Board, who shall receive them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed by him.

Sec. 10. The Board, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively; and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be without delay communicated to the accused. And the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Board; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused and any two or more of the clergy to meet him at such time as he may appoint, and in such church as he may designate, which shall be thrown open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop may grant a new trial ta the accused, if he is satisfied that justice requires it; in which case a new Board of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

Sec. 11. All notices and papers contemplated in this Canon may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificates of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written notice or paper delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper; provided, however, that the service, if not personal, shall be a notice of at least sixty days.

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SEC. 12. The accused may have the privilege of appearing by counsel; in case of the exercise of which privilege, and not otherwise, the presenters shall also have the like privilege; which counsel shall, in all cases, be members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 13. The record of all the proceedings upon the presentment of a clergyman shall be preserved by the Standing Committee, and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their Secretary.

CANON IV.

The Clergy Required to Attend the Meetings of the Convention.

SECTION 1. Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential importance to the interests of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them.

SEC. 2. And whereas it is often found necessary to travel a considerable distance to the place of meeting of the Convention, it is hereby made the duty of the several parishes to make provision for the expenses of their clergy in attending Convention, either by a collection in church on Sunday, or by some other mode.

CANON V.

Ministers of Parishes to keep a Register.

SECTION 1. The Parish Register, required by Canon XXIX of the General Convention of 1832, shall specify the name and the time of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors; the names of the adults baptized and the witnesses; the names of the parties married, and of two or more special witnesses of the same, and the place where the marriage was solemnized; the names of the persons buried; and also the time at which each rite was performed. It shall also contain the names of persons confirmed, and a list of the communicants. These registers shall be kept by the minister in a suitable book to be provided by the Vestry, which book shall be the Parish Register, and shall be preserved by the Vestry as a part of the records of the church.

SEC. 2. Every minister of this Diocese shall, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, present or send to the Bishop (or, if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention) a report of his official acts during the past conventional year. Min-

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isters in charge of parishes shall give a statement of the number of persons baptized and confirmed in their parishes since the last Annual Convention; the number of those who partake of the Lord's Supper, specifying the additions and removals that have taken place, and the number of marriages and funerals. Also, the number of pupils and teachers connected with the Sunday Schools; and the amount of the "Offerings of the Church," stating the objects to which such offerings are appropriated, and what has been done in compliance with the requisitions of the Convention. Also, the name of the Treasurers of the vestries or congregations with which they may be connected as Rectors or officiating Ministers. The Parochial Report may also present concisely any other matters of fact which show the state of the parish.

SEC. 3. In every case where a parish is destitute of a minister, the register contemplated in this Canon shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose.

SEC. 4. The salary of the Bishop, and all financial reports to be made to the Convention, shall close with the diocesan year, which year shall begin on the first day of May and end with the last day of the following April.

CANON VI.

Delegates to be chosen to Represent the Diocese in General Convention.

The Convention, at each annual meeting, shall choose Delegates to attend the General Convention; and should the delegation elected to represent the Diocese in General Convention be unable to attend, then the Bishop (or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee) shall have power to appoint a delegate or delegates in behalf of the Diocese.

CANON VII.

Certificates to be required of Lay Delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

The appointment of Lay Delegates to the Convention of the Diocese shall be certified in writing by the Rector, or Warden, or the Secretary of the Vestry of the proper church. And no person shall be admitted as a Lay Delegate in this Convention who is not entitled to vote for Vestrymen in the parish which he claims to represent. Should none of those appointed by the Vestry to represent the congregation in the Convention be present at the meeting of the Convention, the Rector of the parish may appoint one belonging to his parish, who shall act as the Delegate thereof.

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CANON VIII.

Of Lay Readers.

No person shall act as Lay Reader in this Diocese without a license from the Bishop.

CANON IX.

Parochial Assessments.

SECTION 1. At each Annual Convention, assessments shall be laid upon the several parishes to provide for the support of the Episcopate for the ensuing year, and to meet the contingent expenses of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese to collect by draft upon the Treasurer of each parish, or otherwise, the amount of its assessment, in four quarterly instalments, viz: on the first of August, first of November, first of February, and first of May.

SEC. 3. In order to secure the punctual payment of these assessments, it shall be the duty of the minister of each parish, or (in case the parish be destitute of a minister) of the Senior Warden, to make provision, by collection or otherwise, at least one week previous to the time each quarterly payment falls due, for meeting the drafts or calls of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall regularly charge the said assessment on his books against each Vestry, crediting the same with payments when made, and shall report annually to the Convention the state of his accounts with each parish, which report shall be entered on the Journal of the Convention.

CANON X.

The Mode of Organizing the Convention.

The Convention shall be opened with morning prayer, and a sermon delivered by a preacher appointed at the preceding Convention by the Bishop. A list of the clergy entitled to seats shall then be called. The Bishop, or the President, shall appoint a committee of two clergymen to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, who shall report thereupon the names of such persons as are entitled to seats. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a Secretary, which being done, the Bishop or President shall pronounce the Convention duly organized.

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CANON XI.

Of the Pension Fund.

SECTION 1. It is recommended to every clergyman having charge of a parish in this Diocese, and to the Wardens, where there is no clergyman, to make a collection annually, at Christmas, for creating a permanent fund in aid of aged and infirm clergymen, together with the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen.

SEC. 2. All moneys so collected shall be given in charge to a Board of Trustees, consisting of two clergymen and two laymen, to be chosen by the Convention, of which Board the Bishop shall be, *ex officio*, President, or, if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee. This Board shall exercise a sound discretion in the appropriation of pensions, and the Convention shall appoint a Treasurer, to whom all contributions shall be forwarded. The Treasurer of the Pension Fund shall also be Treasurer of the Episcopate Fund; and in case of a vacancy, a Treasurer shall be appointed by the Bishop, or ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese.

CANON XII.

Of the Episcopate Fund.

It is recommended to every parish in the Diocese to make a collection on Easter-day in each year, towards creating a permadent fund for the support of the Episcopate. The Convention shall appoint three laymen to act as Trustees of said fund, to whose hands and those of the Treasurer the funds thus collected shall be intrusted, with any other moneys or property which may be given by bequest or otherwise for this purpose.

The Trustees of this fund, or the Treasurer under their direction, shall safely invest the same for accumulation until it shall reach the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, when the interest or income shall be applied to the annual support of the Episcopate.

All collections shall be remitted to the Treasurer, who shall make an annual report to the Convention.

CANON XIII.

Of Missions and of Education for the Ministry.

SECTION 1. The Church of Christ being essentially a missionary institution, and every part thereof pledged, by the Christian profession, to the support of the missionary work: and the edu-

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cation of young men for the ministry being necessary to the furtherance of the gospel in the same work; it is solemnly urged upon every member of the Church that he consider his Christian profession as involving direct obligation to promote these objects.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of every minister in this Diocese to instruct the people of his charge in relation to these objects. And it is recommended to every member of the Church to lay by him, on the first day of the week, in store for these purposes, as God has prospered him, according to the Apostolic direction. It is recommended that there be in every parish in this Diocese, a monthly collection on Sunday, the avails of which shall be forwarded quarterly by the Wardens thereof to the Treasurer of the Missionary and Educational Committee.

SEC. 3. There shall be, at each annual meeting of the Convention, a Committee, consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese, *ex officio*, and four other members—two clerical and two lay—elected by ballot, to be called the Missionary Education Committee; to which shall be committed the appointment and regulation of beneficiaries, the appointing of missionaries and missionary stations, and making of all appropriations of money for either object; and no money shall be paid by the Treasurer but by an order of the Committee.

SEC. 4. It shall be the privilege of the contributors to designate to which purpose, and also to which branch of the missionary cause, if such be the designation, their contribution shall be applied. If no designation be made, it shall be at the disposal of the Committee.

SEC. 5. The Bishop of the Diocese shall preside in all meetings of the Committee, when he is present; if absent, a Chairman *pro tem.* shall be appointed. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 6. The Committee shall meet annually at the place and on the first day of the Anuual Convention of the Diocese, and at such other times and places as the President may from time to time appoint, or as may be found convenient on their own adjournment. Three attending members shall be a quorum, and every meeting shall be opened with prayer.

SEC. 7. No beneficiary or missionary shall be appointed without the written consent of the Bishop of the Diocese; or, in case there shall be no Bishop, the Standing Committee of the same, which consent shall be entered on the minutes.

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SEC. 8. At every annual meeting of the Committee, the Secrntary of the same shall submit a report of the transactions of the year then terminated, which, with the Treasurer's report of the receipts and expenditures, shall be laid before the Convention.

SEC. 9. Vacancies in the Committee, occurring during the recess of the Convention, may be supplied by the Committee.

CANON XIV.

Of the Secretary of the Convention.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to transmit annually to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in the General Convention, to the Conservator of Ecclesiastical Documents appointed by the General Convention, and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of the Convention; and he shall request the last to send copies of their Journals in exchange. He shall also transmit a copy to every clergyman and lay deputy attending the Convention, and forward by mail, unless otherwise directed, ten copies to every church in the Diocese.

SEC. 2. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Secretary of the Convention, the duties thereof shall devolve on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 3. Any expense incurred by a compliance with the several sections of this Canon, shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Diocese.

CANON XV.

Of Elections.

SECTION 1. All the officers of this Convention shall be elected by ballot; but elections by ballot may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the Convention.

SEC. 2. In all cases of failure, or omission to elect officers by the Convention, the persons last elected shall continue in office until others be chosen.

CANON XVI.

SECTION 1. No proposed alterations or additions to the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice be given thereof in open Convention, nor, unless by unanimous consent, until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to, and reported upon by a committee of at least two Presbyters and one Layman.

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SEC. 2. Any Canon may be suspended temporarily, by unanimous consent.

CANON XVII.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be a repealing clause in any Canon, and the said Canon shall be repealed, such repeal shall not be a rëenactment of the Canon or Canons repealed by the said repealing clause.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Canon shall also apply to Canons heretofore passed having repealing clauses.

CANON XVIII.

All former Canons of this Convention are hereby repealed.

CANON XIX.

Filling Vacancies during Recess of Convention.

Where there is any vacancy by death, resignation or otherwise, in any office where the officer is elected by this Convention, the Bishop shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy until the next session of the Convention. This Canon shall apply to Trustees of all literary institutions as well as to the officers elected by the Convention. This shall only apply in cases not provided for by the Constitution, or Canons already established.

CANON XX.

Of Parishes not entitled to Representation.

When any parish shall fail, for three successive years, to elect or appoint a delegate to the Diocesan Convention, or shall be in arrears to the Episcopate for three successive years, or shall fail for three successive years to make a report to the Convention through a minister or some person appointed by the Vestry, such parish may, upon a resolution of the Convention, be declared not to be entitled to a representation in the Convention, and shall so continue until otherwise declared by the Convention.

STANDING RESOLUTION.

Whereas it is greatly to be desired that the legislation of the Church be confided to members of the body of Christ, therefore,

Be it resolved, That it be recommended to the congregations of this Diocese to elect none but Communicants as Vestrymen when practicable, and that the Vestries send none but Communicants as Lay Delegates when practicable.

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